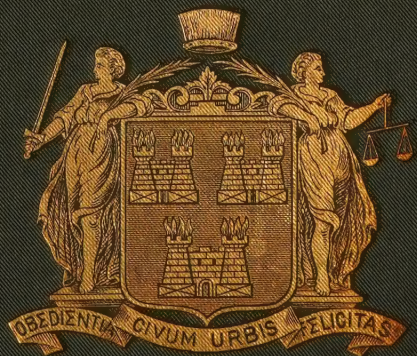




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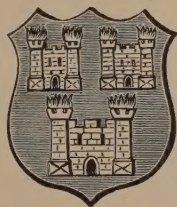
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## PREFACE.

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THE following pages conduct the reader through Dublin and the chief cities and towns of the South of Ireland, giving a bird's-eye view of their attractions and their history, and describing their leading industries and most prominent commercial concerns.

We leave aside all controversial, political, and religious topics as being foreign to our object. Happily, it is not all politics "in Dublin's fair City." Her leading streets are busy with the movements of commerce, and beautified by striking works of architecture, offering much to interest both the man of business and the pilgrim visitor.

She can boast of having trained the greatest lawyers and the most brilliant journalists; she has listened to the finest human oratory; and still her citizens are pronounced the finest speakers in the realm.

She has an interesting story to tell and much that is charming to show.

After rehearsing the stories of the past and picturing the scenes of the present, we pass to the South to visit Cork and inspect its matchless harbour, its trades and antiquities, and its mercantile houses.

We sketch the beauties of Glengariff and Killarney, and glance at Tralee, Limerick, Youghal, Waterford, and other centres.

We trust we prove ourselves fair, accurate, and cheerful companions, and—may the reader's shadow never grow less!



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# DUBLIN.



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## ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN.

**D**UBLIN is the "Eye of Ireland," and is set deep in its encircling Bay. The Bay, which has not been unaptly likened to that of Naples, and is, perhaps, as beautiful in most respects, is in form a vast, not quite regular, semi-circle; and its breadth across from the one terminal point forming a prominent headland at Howth, to the other which lies south-east

from Kingstown Harbour, is about seven miles. Right out from the mouth of the River Anna Liffey,

on the flat banks of which the great city itself lies, is the Poolbeg Lighthouse, from which the South Wall stretches towards the city, enclosing, with its companion the North Wall, the proper channel of the river. This great expanse of sheltered water is never wanting in a rich display of craft of all kinds—fussy little steam launches, lazy fishing boats, dainty pleasure yachts, plodding row boats, lumbering coal barges, or swiftly darting steamers.

The coast is studded along its graceful sweep with

gleaming villas, neat cottages, or smoking villages, while the eye is led upwards and inland by the graceful contour of shadowy mountains, rich in varied green not unaided by cultivation.

From London, Dublin is easily and speedily



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HOWTH CASTLE.

reached by rail and steamer, through the excellent services of the London and North-Western and Midland Railways; and the fares for the whole journey of six hundred miles are extraordinarily low. An excellent service of swift and well-appointed steamers is maintained between Glasgow and Dublin, with alternative trains from Glasgow to Greenock by which fully an hour is saved. Squeamish stomachs can now secure an even shorter passage by railway to Stranraer, on the south-west Scottish coast, and thence by a short sea-trip to Belfast, whence quick trains may be had to Dublin. If the weather is at all favourable, — and there are days of blue sky and bright sunshine in Ireland which might satisfy the most fastidious traveller, — the first glimpse of Dublin from the deck of the approaching steamer is sure to fascinate with its breadth and variety, while, as the vessel urges its course up the magnificent Bay of Dublin, the changing contour of the environing mountains lends an ever fresh attractiveness to the scene.

As an almost forgotten writer describes it:—"At first the rugged South Stack Rock and lighthouse, with the amazing flocks of gulls and divers that are in constant motion about them, engage the attention. Then the noble range of the Snowdon mountains comes into

view. These presently disappear; but long before the eye becomes tired of the unbroken expanse of ocean, the mountains of Wicklow rise on the westward horizon. More and more grandly they continue to rise, as the steamer cleaves its swift way through the waters, until the heights of Howth and Killiney, which form the opposite boundaries of Dublin Bay, are plainly distinguished."

The county of Dublin, so much of which is well seen as we approach its capital, is for the most part a great plain, studded with many a beautiful park. South of the river,

which divides the city, the country slopes upwards gently from the sea into a mountainous region in the south-west, dominated by a granitic range called the Dublin Mountains. The highest peak in this fine range is Garrycastle, which reaches to the height of 1,869 feet. Another notable eminence called the Threerack mountain is 1,585 feet in elevation, and forms a striking feature in many a landscape.

The northern parts of the country are not so liberally supplied with water as the hilly regions of the south, and are rather wanting in the picturesque elements of scenery which lend so great a charm to many portions of the Emerald Isle.

With regard to the city of Dublin itself, the first impression made on the visitor is on the whole most favourable; and although much sordid poverty and apparent misery thrust themselves upon his startled vision, everywhere there is much about the city which leaves a pleasing and abiding sense of grandness and dignity,



while there is more of modernness and attractive novelty in its architecture than visitors are sometimes prepared to expect. One of the first objects which meet the view as one lands at Kingstown, smacking strongly of the soil, is the Irish outside car, of which a word or two must now be said. Nothing, indeed, can be better suited for the purpose of making a rapid preliminary survey of the city than these odd vehicles. The Irish car is essentially a dog-cart or gig placed long-ways instead of across, so that the fare sits with his back to the driver, who has a special seat. There is generally accommodation for four persons besides the driver. As the springs are good, the pace rapid, and the roads not always very smoothly laid, the passenger has to keep a firm seat by what arts and ingenuity he may be able to call into requisition, and especially in going round unexpected corners he will have little capacity to think about anything but how to stick on. After one becomes accustomed to the novelty of the situation, this mode of locomotion is found to be very agreeable, and one is favourably situated for a close inspection of the streets, houses, and people of the Irish metropolis. The proper fares are very moderate, but the carman is notoriously ready with his tongue for romancing, and is, like his fellows in London and elsewhere, not above earning an honest sixpence or two from a "fare" who is not up to the proper figure required for the use of his vehicle. Kingstown formerly rejoiced in the unromantic title of Dunleary, but when George IV., of blessed memory, on leaving Ireland, touched with his royal foot the soil of prosaic Dunleary, it blossomed into Kingstown, a fact solemnly attested, as Thackeray mentions, by the existence of a "hideous obelisk, stuck upon four fat balls, and surmounted with a crown on a cushion (the latter were no bad emblems perhaps of the monarch in whose honour they were raised)."

Let us now start on a first general circuit of Dublin, and, as has often been remarked, the circularity of the city has long been one of its marked and peculiar features. It lies on the old flat delta of the Liffey, or, more properly, Anna Liffey, around which the country rises to an elevation showing the bounds of the river valley. In the central plain rises a hill, on the eastern brow of which stands the castle. Here the old city itself stood, and began slowly to expand around the base of the hill, being originally confined to the southern bank of the river.

The old boundary of the city is the Circular Road, which encompassed it with a well-made turnpike some nine miles in length; but Dublin extends now far beyond these ancient limits. Still, the existence of this road is a prominent fact and determines the character and direction of many of the thoroughfares, railways, and canals. The old mail roads radiate in every direction — north, south,



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#### EDEN QUAY.

east, and west—from the same great encircling roadway which is of ellipsoid shape.

The main arteries of Dublin city life are full of animated and interesting pictures, but the visitor is apt to be less pleasantly impressed with the slums and alleys

into which the poorer classes crowd from the provinces, and many a woeful scene of gaunt misery confronts the passer-by and extorts his commiseration.

Even the most superficial observer must be struck, however, with the air of good humour with which poor Pat, in misfortune, gilds his rags and gives sauce to his dry potatoes. As we shall have further occasion to observe, Dublin is gifted with many splendid charities, and, if want and misery are too often to be found in her alleys, there is a noble readiness, on the part of her better-off citizens, to allay the sufferings of her poor.

South of the Liffey, and in the western portion of Dublin, are some of the most interesting portions of the old city, and around these memorials of the feudal past are grouped many narrow streets, with mean houses and wretched inmates. The more modern parts of Dublin are, however, more nobly planned; the streets are much broader and straighter, and are generally pretty well kept, while many of the public buildings can vie in splendour with those of most of our largest cities,

and are characterised by much taste both in individual details and in the general grouping for street effect.

Dublin city is under the municipal control of a town council. The Lord Mayor presides over its deliberations, in which fifteen aldermen and forty-five councillors take part, and the debates are sometimes carried on with not a little animation. The city police are meanwhile under the direction of the Government, and are a fine body of men. In accordance with the Act of Parliament, passed June, 1885, Dublin has now four members to represent it in the British House of Commons.

The gradual rise of population will be seen by comparing the following figures.

|                                              |   |        |           |
|----------------------------------------------|---|--------|-----------|
| Population of Dublin City in 1688 was 64,500 |   |        |           |
| "                                            | " | " 1804 | " 167,899 |
| "                                            | " | " 1841 | " 232,726 |
| "                                            | " | " 1871 | " 246,326 |
| "                                            | " | " 1881 | " 249,602 |
| "                                            | " | " 1891 | " 254,709 |



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VICTORIA CASTLE, KILLINEY.



## OLD DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, the *Dubh Linn* or "black pool," originally called *Ashled*, is certainly a very ancient city, although its oldest known remains are comparatively modern. By the ancient people of the land the little townlet, which was to become the fair and populous metropolis of Ireland, was called Drumcholl-coil, or the "hazelwood brow," and by others, or, perhaps, at another time, *Bally-ath-cliaith*, or "the town of the ford of hurdles."

It is called *Eblana* by the old Roman writer, Ptolemy, whom some antiquarians have sought to identify with the great Saint Patrick himself on what seems to be extremely doubtful grounds. He called the inhabitants Eblani. It

appears, on the whole, probable that the Cathedral was founded by the great saint about the middle of the fifth century, say A.D. 448, and Christianity was then established among the hitherto pagan savages of that region.

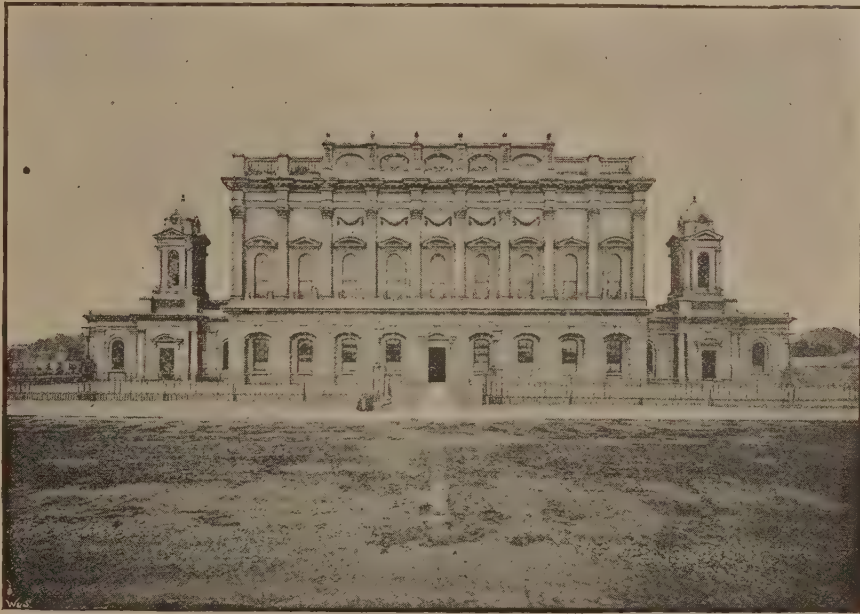
We do not hear much more of the poor Eblani, for the Danes, or Ostmen, from the East took possession of their capital, building walls around it, in the year A.D. 798, and they retained their position quietly till the great battle of Clontarf, on 23rd April, 1014, which practically crushed the Danish power in Ireland. The Archbishopric of Dublin, of course, dates from Saint Patrick, probably A.D. 448, as we have seen. In 1121

Gregory was appointed Bishop, and thirty-one years afterwards he became Archbishop. The See became united to Glendalagh in 1214. The first Protestant Archbishop was George Browne, a London friar of the Augustine order, who, however, was deprived of office by Queen Mary in 1554.

In the county of Dublin there are several remains of a very early period which are of great interest to

antiquarians. There are ruins of Cromlechs at Mount Venus in Cruagh parish, the little Dargle, Larch

Hill, Howth, Killiney, and a fine one at Glen Druid, near Cabinteely; and in various parts of the country are vestiges of ancient moats, or



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KING'S BRIDGE TERMINUS.

*raths* as they are called after the old vernacular. During the dark period of chivalry and the middle ages, society was in such an unsettled state that castles were needed in place of houses, and ruins of these edifices are pretty common around Dublin.

It is recorded that in Dublin itself the private houses, about three centuries ago, were little more than huts of wattle and clay, and in the aggregate must have presented the appearance "of a great assemblage of large mud wigwams; huddled round the castle and the churches." These gave place, by and by, to better structures, as civilisation advanced and the means to

produce its comforts were increased among the settled citizens. In the reign of good Queen Bess wooden frameworks were substituted, built in cage-work style, and slated with shingles, burnt tiles, or natural slate. These, as in London, were too easily destroyed by conflagrations to form a permanent style for the architecture of large cities, and in the reign of James I. substantial buildings of brick or stone were pretty generally adopted, leading to greater stability of urban life and business.

The early story of Dublin, as has been justly said, "must remain hidden in the dim mist that envelopes all the early history of the land of Erin; and even the Four Masters, were they to return to earth, would hardly be able to dissipate the obscurity. What was its condition in the glorious days of Brian Boromhe, or of Malachi of the Collar of Gold, or in the gloomier days of Strongbow, and later Saxon Conquerors, we can scarcely expect or desire to learn; but, as we descend

the stream of time, clearer pictures become visible. Till recently the very houses spoke of the influence of the English spirit which prevailed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth."

At one time the legal authority of the sheriff of Dublin seems to have extended over a very large part of Eastern and Northern Ireland, stretching even into part of the province of Ulster; but, as is shown in the black book of Christ Church, Dublin, an ordinance of Parliament, issued at the close of the thirteenth century, restricted the area of that dignitary's jurisdiction to something like its present limits.

The greater part of the northern section of Dublin has been built since the last decades of the eighteenth century. The following table contains a record of many of the chief events illustrative of municipal life and social progress.

TABLE OF THE CHIEF EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF DUBLIN.

|                                                                       | A.D.      |                                                       | A.D. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Christianity established by St. Patrick (and Cathedral founded) about | 448       | O'Connell Bridge                                      | 1794 |
| Dublin environed with wall by Danes (Esterlings or Ostmen)            | 798       | Arrest of Lord Edward Fitzgerald                      | 1798 |
| Battle of Clontarf, 23rd April                                        | 1014      | Union with England                                    | 1801 |
| Dublin taken by Ramond le Gros                                        | 1171      | Emmet's Movement                                      | 1803 |
| Charter of Henry II.                                                  | 1173      | Visit of George IV.                                   | 1821 |
| Christ Church built by Danes                                          | 1038      | Dublin lighted with gas                               | 1825 |
| Christ Church rebuilt about                                           | 1180—1225 | Railroad to Kingstown                                 | 1834 |
| Black Monday                                                          | 1207      | O'Connell's arrest                                    | 1843 |
| Slaughter of 500 British at Cullen's Wood, near Dublin                | 1209      | He is liberated                                       | 1844 |
| Irish Princes swear allegiance to King John                           | 1210      | State Trials                                          | 1848 |
| Dublin Castle built by Henry de Loundres                              | 1205—1213 | Queen visits Dublin                                   | 1849 |
| Thomas Cusack—First Mayor                                             | 1409      | Dublin Industrial Exhibition I.                       | 1853 |
| Trinity College founded                                               | 1591      | British Association meets in Dublin                   | 1857 |
| Battle of Rathmines, 2nd August                                       | 1649      | College riot                                          | 1858 |
| Essex Bridge built by Sir H. Jervis                                   | 1670      | Industrial Exhibition. II.                            | 1864 |
| James II. visits Dublin                                               | 1689      | Saint Patrick's Cathedral re-opened after restoration | 1865 |
| Lamps first erected in the City                                       | 1698      | Industrial Exhibition. III.                           | 1872 |
| Parliament House begun                                                | 1729      | Christ Church Cathedral restored and re-opened        | 1878 |
| Royal Dublin Society originated                                       | 1731      | British Association meets                             | 1878 |
| Royal Exchange begun                                                  | 1769      | Thomas Moore's Centenary                              | 1879 |
| Order of Saint Patrick instituted                                     | 1783      | Convention of Land League                             | 1881 |
| Bank of Ireland instituted                                            | 1783      | O'Connell's Statue unveiled                           | 1882 |
|                                                                       |           | Duke of Edinburgh's visit                             | 1884 |
|                                                                       |           | Prince and Princess of Wales visit Dublin             | 1885 |
|                                                                       |           | Duke of Cambridge                                     | 1891 |



## O'CONNELL BRIDGE.

O'CONNELL BRIDGE is perhaps the best point from which to obtain a view of the city. The old name of this fine structure, which might do credit to any city in Europe, was Carlisle Bridge, and not a little hubbub was raised when the proposal to make a change in the designation was first mooted, but the new title meets now with general acceptance. From its commanding position a fine view of the shipping is obtained, while upwards we see the murky stream imprisoned between its endless and magnificent granite-faced quays and crossed by numerous bridges (there are at least nine,

Line. Its architect was Mr. James Gandon, and the building was erected, just before the close of the last century, at the cost of about half a million pounds sterling. Its height is 375 feet, the chief front, of course, facing the river, and it is adorned with a fine cupola, 125 feet in height, above which towers a gigantic emblem of Hope. On the attic are well-executed figures of Neptune, Mercury, Industry, and Plenty. The style is partly Doric, as in the portico, with Corinthian columns, but the fronts are highly enriched, and there is a bas-relief on the tympanum which represents the Union of Hibernia and Britannia. On the north front are placed choicely-carved figures, representative of the four quar-



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## SACKVILLE STREET.

two of them being constructed of iron). On each side of the river runs a granite wall, twelve feet thick at its base, surmounted by a neat parapet and pierced at frequent intervals by iron gates, from which stone steps lead to the river. A spacious roadway, two-and-a-half miles in length, and lined by handsome buildings with many shops, closes in the view on either bank.

On the left, or north, bank towards the outlet of the Liffey and not far from the O'Connell Bridge is a very handsome building, the Custom House, the view of which, however, is now greatly marred by the Loop

ters of the globe from which Her Majesty levies customs with such strict impartiality. The great room is justly admired, and, indeed, the whole of the interior is very fine, though no longer strictly devoted to the department of Customs, but forming a kind of Somerset House for the sister island. It gives roofing to the Poor Law, Local Government Board, Inland Revenue, and Stamp Offices, but it is to be hoped that the reviving life of Dublin may soon demand the use of the whole for its original purpose.

The space in front is valued by Dublin people as a

place of public concourse. There, in 1843, Father Mathew gave the total abstinence pledge to 90,000 citizens of the Irish metropolis.

The last bridge, a little bit farther down the river, is named after that distinguished lawyer and most successful leader in Parliament—Isaac Butt. Beyond this the Anna Liffey, after a sinuous course of some fifty miles through beautiful banks from its rise in the Wicklow mountains, twelve miles to the southwest of Dublin, pours its now turbid and malodorous waters into the grand blue Bay of Dublin.

Between the Custom House and the outlet of the river are spacious docks and ground designed for others when the demand shall arise; while there enters the Bay the Royal Grand Canal, which connects the city with the West of Ireland and the northern and more commercial regions of the Island through the North Shannon. Here, too, is the Spencer Dock, of capacious extent, opened by the Lord Lieutenant of that name in 1873.

The harbour has in recent times been greatly improved by the completion of the substantial north and south walls, but the bar remains, though allowing vessels of not more than 10 feet draught to pass even at low tide.

### SACKVILLE STREET.

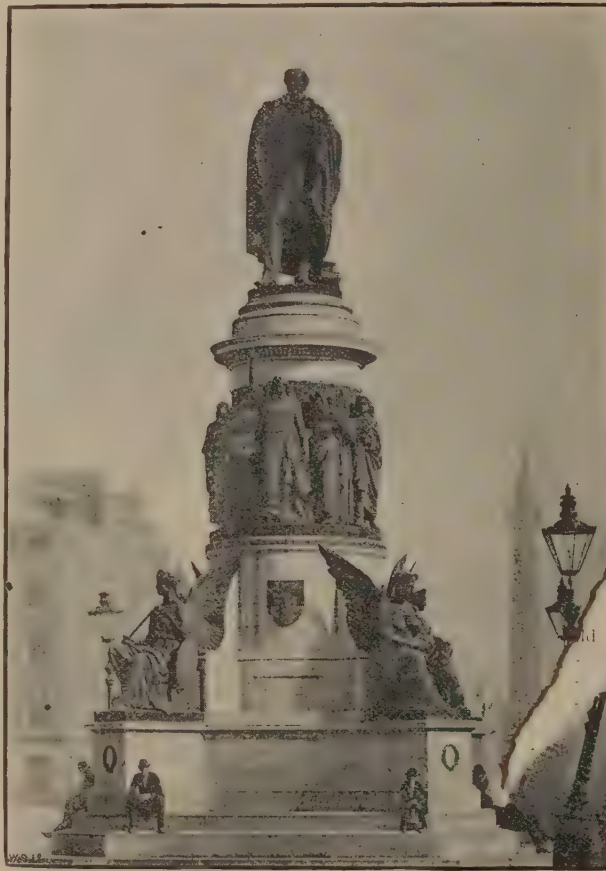
Looking north from O'Connell Bridge we see what, at a glance, must indeed be felt to be one of the very finest thoroughfares in Europe, and is certainly the

pride of Dublin City—Sackville Street. It is not very long, only some seven hundred yards, or thereabouts, but it has a nearly uniform width of one hundred and twenty feet, which would almost be too great for the highest architectural effect to be secured, but for the presence of the noble Monument to the illustrious Daniel O'Connell—from which the Bridge now receives its name—at the one end, and Nelson's monument near

the middle. These tend to restore the balance and give the impression of good proportion to the general effect. Many of the buildings in the city are indebted to the prevailing rocks around Dublin for their character and general tone of colour, calp or "black quarry stone," a variety of limestone, being greatly used for building. Granite also is found at Dalkey and its neighbourhood, and has often a very good effect, being used for buildings with some architectural pretensions in the main thoroughfares, and in recent times considerable quantities have been exported to England, where it meets with much appreciation.

Amongst the finer buildings of this handsome street must be mentioned the General Post Office, which is on the left hand side, quite near to Nelson's monument.

The design of this dignified edifice was due to Francis Johnston, and was erected in 1817 chiefly of mountain granite. There is a beautiful hexastyle portico of Portland stone, with four columns in Corinthian style, having a width of eighty feet, and projecting over the pavement,—a massive but elegant structure. The pediment is adorned with a colossal statue of Hibernia, flanked by others of Mercury and Fidelity.



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O'CONNELL'S STATUE.



The frontage of the building is two hundred and twenty feet, while the structure reaches back to a great depth, which from time to time has been added to. The height is fifty feet. The original cost of the building was only £50,000, but it has been estimated that not less than £100,000 must have been expended upon it in various recent alterations and additions which have been made to meet the large demands of the country. There is a large courtyard for the entrance and exit of mail-vans with their varied and interesting loads of palpitating human sentiments. The top storey is devoted to the telegraph service, where an army of light-handed girls is employed in manipulating the instruments, etc.

Great Northern Terminus, from which trains run to Belfast and the north.

At the far end of Sackville Street is the Rotunda, with many convenient rooms for public resort, the scene of many stirring and crowded meetings, chiefly political and religious: and close by stands the famous hospital of that name for women, which has earned a reputation throughout the world of medicine, and is deservedly

popular amongst the female poor of Dublin and neighbourhood, who, in times of direst need, are helped through many a great crisis of their lives by the skill of the famous medical gentlemen of the staff. Some of them are recognised as leading specialists in that department by the medical profession of Europe and America.

Following the line of Sackville Street across O'Connell Bridge to the other side of the river, we soon reach the Bank of Ireland and Trinity College. Both face into that great centre of historical interest, College Green, and the buildings are worthy of the history with which they are so closely associated. An equestrian statue of William of Orange adorns the Green.



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STATUE OF SIR JOHN GRAY.

The Nelson column must be mentioned, as a good view of the Bay and city is to be got from its lofty summit, which is reached by means of a spiral stairway. The whole height is about one hundred and twenty-five feet, of which thirteen feet are occupied by the colossal statue of the great one-eyed hero of Trafalgar. He seems to stand on a rock leaning on his sword. Here "the unlucky Admiral is perched like another St. Simon for the edification of rooks and skylarks; he is beyond the ken of human eyes, unless assisted by a good telescope." The column on which he is perched is fluted Doric, and is, with its pedestal, one hundred and ten feet high, capped by a podium of twelve-and-a-half feet. The pedestal is inscribed with the hero's name. It stands at the junction of Henry and Earl Streets with Sackville Street, and is the most conspicuous and central object in that broad thoroughfare for the eye of the pedestrian to rest upon, who should know that it cost £7,000, and was erected in 1809. Earl Street leads off towards the right to the

## THE BANK OF IRELAND

Is the most splendid piece of architecture in the country, as it also possesses the most memorable history. It was erected as the Irish Parliament House in the 18th century at a cost exceeding £100,000. Here Grattan won from the hand of England, amid excited spectators, a native and independent Parliament. Here Curran and Grattan's most celebrated speeches were delivered

Here on Saturday, second October, 1800, sat the Irish Parliament in College Green for the last time. After the Union, the historic building was sold to the Bank of Ireland for £40,000 *plus* an annual rent of £240. The quondam House of Commons is now the cash and accountants' offices, having as Thackeray says "disappeared to make room for the accommodation of clerks and cashiers." The House of Lords, where the Bank Directors now sit, still remains much what it was in the days of Lord Castlereagh.

the eastern, points. Circular screen walls behind columns, surmounted with an entablature and cornice, run from each extremity of the central pile and connect it with the eastern and western fronts. The former of these, facing College Street, is a beautiful Corinthian portico of six pillars, the tympanum of which is surmounted by a figure of Fortitude, with Justice on the one side and Liberty on the other. The western portico is Ionic."

Swift must be forgiven when he sneers at this magnificent structure, for, as Watts puts it, "it was his



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#### BANK OF IRELAND.

The building far surpasses the Bank of England in grandeur as well as gracefulness. Its grand front looks out over College Green upon the National and Ulster Banks, and has been described as "a noble colonnade of Ionic pilars raised on a flight of steps, and ranged round three sides of a spacious quadrangular recess in which is the courtyard. The colonnade supports an entablature and cornice of the same order, surmounted by an attic. In the centre of the recess projects a fine portico of four Ionic columns, sustaining a tympanum, in which appear in bas-relief the royal arms; while the apex is ornamented with a colossal statue of Hibernia, supported by Fidelity on the western, and Commerce on

nature to." We can enjoy and smile at his verses on "The Legion Club":—

"As I stroll the City oft, I  
See a building large and lofty;  
Not a bow-shot from the college—  
Half the globe from sense and knowledge,  
By the prudent architect  
Placed against the church direct,—  
Making good my grandam's jest,  
'Near the church'—you know the rest."

Poor Swift!

#### TRINITY COLLEGE AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD.

THE College lies on the west side of the Green, and with its park and many buildings occupies a large area



of ground. This is really the University of Dublin, and dates its foundation from Queen Elizabeth, who, in the thirty-fourth year of her reign (in A.D. 1591-92) established it. It was chiefly intended, it seems, to be for the benefit of the Protestant and then ruling class in Ireland, and was incorporated by Charter as the Mother of a University; its title in full is—"The College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity." By Elizabeth's charter the governing body was to be made up of the Provost, three Fellows, and three Scholars. A monastery named All-Hallows had recently been suppressed, and the Corporation of Dublin endowed the new College with its grounds and ruins, while money was liberally

as far back as 1320, connected with St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Archbishop Laud's statutes, dating from 1637, continue with some modifications to be valid. The following facts as to constitution, etc., of the College are compiled from official sources chiefly.

The Board of Management of the College consists of the Provost and senior Fellows. A council of co-operation was established in 1874 to assist in regulating the studies of the University, in appointing Professors to the various chairs, and regulating their tenure of office and the character of their duties. This council is made up of various members, seventeen in all, sixteen whom



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### THE CAMPANILE, TRINITY COLLEGE.

supplied for its development by many of the Protestant gentry of Ireland, and James I. added further gifts. The same "learned" monarch also gave the College the right to send two members to the Irish House of Commons, but from the Union in 1800 one only was allowed. The great Reform Bill of 1832 restored this lost privilege, and the College continues to this day to send two members to the Imperial Parliament at Westminster. The Provost, Fellows, Scholars, and Masters, etc., are the electors.

Previous to the establishment of Trinity College, however, there are records of a university having existed

are elected in the following manner:—Four are elected by the senior Fellows; four by the junior Fellows four by the Professors; and four by the Senate of the University. The Provost of Trinity College, *ex-officio*, is the seventeenth member.

The government and working of the university are carried on by the following officials:—The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Provost of Trinity College, two Proctors (one selected from the senior, and the other from the junior Fellows), a senior Lecturer (who makes arrangements for the public examinations), two Deans, Censor, Librarian, Registrar, Auditor, the various Professors, and the Examiners.

The Senate of the University is formed of the Chancellor (who is elected by the Senate itself), or when he is absent, the Vice-Chancellor, or again in his absence, the *pro* Vice-Chancellor—all Masters of Arts and Doctors of the three faculties whose names are on the College books. By the Senate all degrees are conferred.

The Provost is appointed by the Crown, and may not only be a layman but he also may be a member of any religious denomination. Fellowships used to be sternly confined to those who were members of the Episcopal Church, but a recent Act removed that intolerant restriction, and no religious test is now applied. The rule of celibacy, also, which had obtained from the time of Charles I., was abolished in the year 1840.

Junior Fellows are appointed by examination, and they form the principal part of the teaching staff of the College. They lecture to the students and conduct examinations of undergraduates. They number at present about twenty-six, and their emoluments are said to average nearly £600 a year. Part of this sum is derived from a fixed salary granted by the College itself, and part is directly derived from duties as examiners, lecturers, or tutors, in one or another of which capacity most of them are engaged. The senior Fellows, who are always "mellowed" juniors, may say with the Poet "We are seven," and they have very good posts indeed, but their exact emoluments are not obtruded on the notice of the vulgar. Seventy "Scholars" are elected from the body of undergraduates, on successfully passing

examinations in classics or science respectively, and receive various emoluments to the amount of something like £50 *per annum* in shape of salary, remission of fees, rooms, commons, and so on. These scholars become members of the Corporation on election, and enjoy the right to vote for members of Parliament. The position is held for five years. Minor scholarships have been recently established with the object of stimulating studies in Divinity and the Irish Language. Some others are

connected with the royal and endowed schools. There are four grades of students, distinguished by certain peculiarities of dress. 1. Noblemen, sons of noblemen, and baronets; 2. Fellow-commoners, who dine at the Fellows' table; 3. Pensioners, or ordinary students; 4. Sizars, who have rooms and commons free. Their number is limited to thirty, and they are appointed for four years.

There are now fourteen open University Studentships worth £100 annually, and tenable for seven years, which ought to lead to some useful results in the higher branches of learning. The buildings are of granite, dressed with Portland stone, and the frontage to College Green is quite imposing and massive, but rather heavy on the whole. As you enter, statues of Burke and

Goldsmith by Foley greet you at the portals of the great school of learning. There are three quadrangles in the grounds, which are well proportioned:—

1. The largest one, called Parliament Square, is 570 by 270 feet, and is more spacious than any "quad" in an English college. It contains a neat Corinthian



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CLOCK TOWER, CASTLE YARD.



chapel, spacious refectory, examination hall or theatre, and lodgings for Fellows. In the centre of this "quad" is a fine and lofty campanile built of granite.

2. Park Square is newer, but less interesting, and measures 280 by 194 feet.

3. This "quad," pleasantly styled "Botany Bay," contains quarters for students, and may be remembered by readers of Charles Lever. The large park and the quadrangles together occupy fully forty acres.

In the College Park "stands a little building, a perfect Grecian temple, the classic design of the learned

where books are shelved and cases containing curious MSS., etc.,—of which the collection is very rare and valuable—are placed conveniently for examination. Early illuminated Irish MSS. are in strong force in the institution, including that rare and unique treasure, the Book of Kells. It was stolen from the church of that name in 1006, and was found under the sods, some time afterwards, robbed of much of its golden lustre. "Especially deserving of notice," says Professor Westwood, "is the extreme delicacy and wonderful precision united with an extraordinary minuteness of detail with which many of these ancient manuscripts were ornamented. I have examined with a magnifying glass the



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#### LOWER CASTLE YARD.

Dr. Herne, Bishop of Clogher, at whose expense it was erected." The Anatomical Museum and that of Geology, which contains a valuable array of Irish marbles, attract many visitors. But the "lion" of the College is the Library, which you reach by the right hand on entering the first quadrangle. It is in three storeys with a granite façade 270 feet in length, and contains a gallery 210 feet long running round the main part of the building, and from which a good view is to be obtained. Dark old oak is used in the Library proper with good effect. Marble busts of college celebrities are placed along the ends of each recess,

pages of the Gospels of Lindisfarne and Book of Kells, for hours together, without ever detecting a false line or an irregular interlacement and, when it is considered that many of these details consist of spiral lines, and are so minute as to be impossible to have been executed without a pair of compasses, it really seems a problem not only with what eyes but also with what instruments they could have been executed. One instance of the minuteness of these details will suffice to give an idea of this peculiarity. I have counted in a small space measuring scarcely three-quarters of an inch by less than half an inch in width, in the Book of Armagh, not fewer than

158 interlacements of a slender ribbon pattern, formed of white lines edged by black ones upon a black ground."

This is one of the five great Libraries in these Islands which can claim a copy of each book printed in the land.

### THE CASTLE.

THERE is not much to be seen about Dublin Castle in the way of architectural display, and to many the buildings will prove rather a disappointment. Still, to the thoughtful mind, these old buildings, which date

quadrangle, around which are ranged the rather unpretentious official quarters of the Vice-Regal government. George IV., on his visit to Ireland, once held here a Court graced by the presence of all the nobility of the land; and on certain occasions, such as Her Majesty's birthday, there are brilliant assemblies of beauty, learning, and gallantry to be seen in St. Patrick's Hall, which is the principal one of a suite of state rooms, and is said to be the finest ballroom in Europe. The ceiling is exquisite, and, indeed, the whole room is beautifully adorned. This noble apartment is fully eighty feet long, and has a ceiling, painted by Waldre, illustrative of the patron Saint's conversion of the Druids,



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### MARLBOROUGH STREET CATHEDRAL.

their origin from 1220, during Neterville's primacy, have much about them that cannot fail to interest. The official residence of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—for this it has been since the time of Queen Bess—stands on a hill, on the south side of the Liffey, in what is hardly the most aristocratic-looking neighbourhood. Here, however, are the residences of many of the high officials and officers of the court. Over the front gates used to dangle the ghastly remains of many a man called traitor or patriot, according to party exigency, but quieter times happily now prevail. The Upper Castle Yard is a

and other historical subjects. A guard of honour marks the entrance to the Lord Lieutenant's residence. On Saint Patrick's Day there is some military display to be seen in the courtyard, and a great concourse of country cousins assembles on these occasions. Apartments for the dignitaries of the household are on the right, while the buildings devoted to the Chief Secretary and his numerous assistants of all ranks are on the left. They contain an excellent library in which are to be found files of the leading journals not only of Ireland, but of London also, and many valuable historical works



relating to the country and its administrations in times past. A state porter is on duty at the entrance to the Vice-Regal abode, and, when it is officially convenient, strangers can readily gain admission to view the state-rooms. Passing up a grand staircase a lengthy corridor opens to view, which is used as a promenade on State occasions. It is graced with a series of portraits of the Lords Lieutenant of the past.

In the Lower Castle Yard are to be seen, guarded by a sentry, the ordnance department, the old treasury, and other offices, such as the apartment of the Vice-roy's aides, stable, and house of the Master of the Horse. Near this, on an elevation, are offices of the Constabulary and the Paymaster-General. Here too is the place of records, the Chapel Royal, and the Bermingham Tower, which has nothing whatever to do with Brummagem, by the way. This latter famous

building was erected as a prison for "State offenders about a century ago, and many a poor victim of patriotic indiscretion has pined and chafed within its doleful dungeons, from which, however, not a few, from time to time, contrived to escape, in spite of all precautions devised by official ingenuity.

The Chapel Royal is the official place of worship for the Lord Lieutenant, and is a beautiful building in ornate Gothic "adorned with buttresses, terminating in pinnacles rising from grotesque heads, ornamented at each angle with foliage, and terminating in a Gothic pinnacle. A monastic battlement is carried round the top in the intervals of the pinnacles. The doorway in the east end is adorned by a label supported by heads of Saint Patrick and of Brian Boromhe; and the label over the great eastern window is supported by heads of Hope and Charity.



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CHAPEL ROYAL.

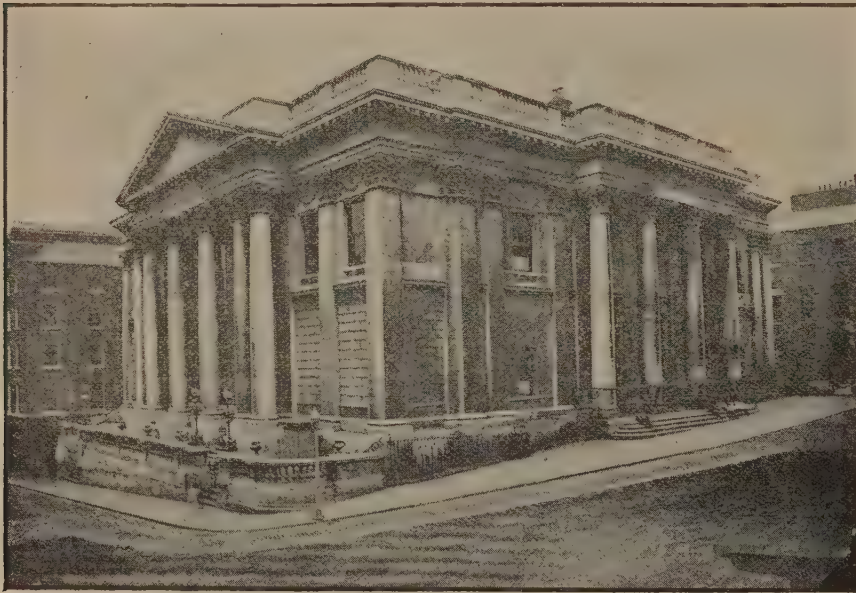
and terminates at its summit in a demi-figure of Faith holding in her hand a chalice."

The character of the interior, with its groined roof, is in keeping with the external adornments. Carved oak panels, containing the arms of some English sovereigns and of the Viceroys, grace the front of the gallery. The edifice has cost £42,000.

On Cork Hill, near the entrance to the Castle, stands

#### THE CITY HALL,

A piece of graceful architecture designed by one of Ireland's finest architects, Thomas Cooley, and erected more than a hundred years ago for the purpose of a Royal Exchange. It has three separate fronts surmounted by a dome, the principal front consisting of a noble portico of six Corinthian columns, which occupy



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#### CITY HALL.

a high basement and support a rich pediment and entablature. Its elegant interior is fashioned after the style of the English House of Commons and is used as the Council Chamber of the Dublin Municipal Council, where the fifteen aldermen and forty-five councillors sit and discuss the affairs of the city. The Hall is enriched by several statues and portraits. In one place may be seen a painting and in another, opposite the entrance, a

fine marble statue of Daniel O'Connell; here Grattan, and there George II. From the balcony overhead may be had a fine view of Dublin, whose interests are watched and guarded in the chamber beneath.

Within easy reach are St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church.

#### ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

THE holy Saint Patrick, according to doubtful tradition, once baptised a certain number of Pagan converts at a little well, and on that consecrated spot arose, in 448, a church built by the holy man, who began to minister to the people of the little flock which came to grow around him. In 1190 the first Anglican Archbishop—John de Comyn—caused the cathedral (probably enough a later one than that built by St. Patrick) to be taken down to make way for the erection

of one more spacious and stately, and better suited to the age of culture which rapidly followed on the steps of the Normans. This edifice received much injury from a fire, but Archbishop Minot caused the damage to be repaired, and reared a steeple, to which a spire was some time afterwards added. It was here bluff King Hal, in June, 1541, was solemnly, after mass of the Holy Ghost, proclaimed King of Ireland—a title new to an English king. It was a great occasion, and both Houses of Parliament with crowds of bishops and clergy were there in state array, with every

ceremonial embellishment calculated to give sanctity to the act. As in other lands the Reformation led to much dispoiling of the sacred edifice, while images were smashed, or at least hidden away from view, and, finally, in 1546, the ecclesiastical property was vested in commissioners of the Crown. In Edward the Sixth's reign the poor old church of St. Patrick, "nere unto the citie of Dublin, met with fresh vicissitudes and



disasters, part being royally set apart "for the ministration of our lawes and our courtes," and another part "for a grammar scole, with lodgings for the scole master and hushere." A part also of the church was assigned as quarters for poor men of the city.

The Courts of Law sat here till Queen Mary changed all that in 1544, restoring old rights and privileges. By and by came grim old Noll over to Ireland and turned the holy building into barracks for his ironsides, as King James did a little later for his troops in 1688.

Schomberg, who was killed at Boyne Water, was buried here, as a tart inscription of Swift's records; and on July 6th, 1690, on the Sunday after his victory at Boyne, King William heard a sermon from its pulpit by Bishop King, and rendered thanks to God—when it was over! That austere pious Christian and extraordinary, but unhappy genius, Jonathan Swift, became Dean of this Cathedral in 1713—probably, in spite of all his open, flagrant, and palpable faults, the greatest Dean who ever lived. His monument is to be seen and that also of poor Stella, which latter never fails to attract the sympathetic visitor.

"Who hasn't in his mind," says Thackeray, "an image of Stella? Who does not love her? Fair and tender creature: pure and affectionate heart! Boots it to you, now that you have been at rest for a hundred and twenty years, not divided in death from the cold heart which caused yours, whilst it beat, such faithful pangs of love and grief—boots it to you now that the whole world loves and deplores you? Scarce any man, I believe, ever thought of that grave that did not cast a flower of pity on it, and write over it a sweet epitaph. Gentle lady, so lovely, so loving, so unhappy! you have had countless champions; millions

of manly hearts mourning for you. From generation to generation we take up the fond tradition of your beauty, we watch and follow your tragedy, your bright morning love and purity, your constancy, your grief, your sweet martyrdom. We know your legend by heart.



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#### ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

You are one of the saints of English story."

Swift's description of her, just after her sad death, is wonderful in its circumstances, so brutal is its coolness: "She was looked upon as one of the most beautiful, graceful, and agreeable young women in London—only a little too fat. Her hair was blacker than a raven, and every feature of her face in perfection." Scott has preserved some of her smart and pungent sayings. She said of a rather untidy clergyman, whose dirty nails had puzzled the gossips, that the Doctor's nails grew dirty by scratching himself! A bishop was comforting with hopes of heaven a humbug of a fellow who pretended to grieve over a lost child. "No, my Lord," said Stella, "that is it which most grieves him, because he is sure never to see his child there!" "A Quaker apothecary sent her a vial corked; it had a broad brim and a label of paper about its neck. "What is that?" said she, "my apothecary's son?" The



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CHOIR OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.



ridiculous resemblance and the suddenness of the question set us all a-laughing."

Poor Swift's own inscription is in Latin, which has been rendered thus: "Here lies the body of Jonathan Swift, D.D., Dean of this cathedral church, where fierce indignation can no longer rend the heart. Go, traveller, and imitate, if thou canst, one who, as far as in him lay, was an earnest champion of liberty."

In St. Patrick's Cathedral Curran, too, is buried, and Carolan, the last of Erin's blind harpers; and many memorials there are of old knights and saintly priests who lie quietly side by side. Sir B. L. Guinness has generously expended a large sum on the restoration of

or Danes on the site of an old Celtic fort in 1038, and was the cathedral of the See of Glendalough, which came, in course of time, to be added to that of Dublin. Henry Roe—a prominent and liberal citizen of Dublin—spent, it is said, some two hundred thousand pounds in restoring this interesting old fane. The memorials of the dead contained within are many of them old and interesting, and that of Richard Strongbow is the most notable. The ground about Christ Church is laid out for recreation, which can hardly but be welcome in so poor and densely crowded a locality as that amidst which this ancient church rises. Its style marks the period of transition in architecture, but little remains of the earlier edifice, of



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## CHRIST CHURCH.

this interesting old church, which is now without doubt the finest cathedral in fair Erin's isle.

It is Early English in style, 300 feet long, with a width of 67 feet in the nave and 80 feet in transepts, which are 157 feet in length. The tower was erected in 1370, and a granite spire was added in 1740. Together they have a height of 221 feet.

## CHRIST CHURCH.

THIS can clearly claim to be the older of the two cathedrals in the city, and was founded by the Ostmen

which the plan has been as closely followed as possible.

The remains of a Chapter House were recently discovered, and have been carefully preserved.

## LEINSTER HOUSE.

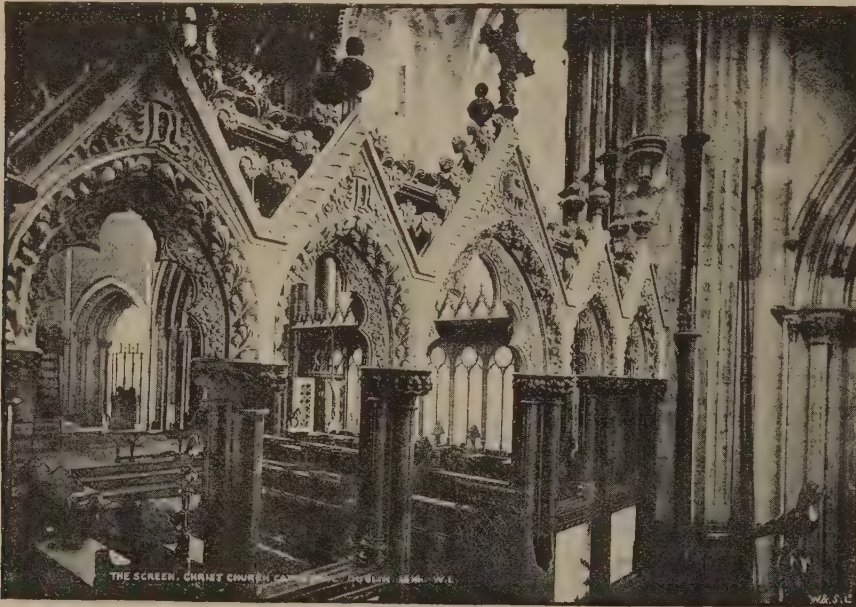
BESIDES the Castle and Cathedrals, there are several interesting minor relics of the older city round which cluster many an association which should not readily fade away from local memory. Transformations have taken place not only in the architecture of many a notable edifice, but also in the use to which it is put, as

we have seen, for example, in the changed functions of the Parliament House, now the Bank of Ireland. Thus, too, Leinster House, once the noble town residence of the Dukes of Leinster, has been transformed and added to in many ways since the days when beauty and fashion banqueted, coquetted, and danced in its halls.

It is now devoted to the not less noble purpose of displaying a fine collection of paintings, to which additions are constantly being made, constituting the National Art Gallery and Museum of Natural History.

Over £100,000 have just been expended by the Imperial Government in the erection of well-lighted and most suitable buildings for a Museum of Science and

the north of Dublin, and is of easy access from the city. In the days of yore it was a favourite resort of such men of light and leading as Sheridan, the stately Joseph Addison, the poets Tickel and Parnell, poor Dick Steele, ever reeking of wine or "strong waters," who was born in Ireland though a Charterhouse gown boy; and of that very extraordinary Dublin genius, Jonathan Swift, Dean of St. Patrick's (born at No. 17, Hoey's Court, Dublin, on 30th November, 1667), the greatest and most unhappy of men. He wrote to Bolingbroke: "It is time for me to have done with the world, and so I would if I could get into a better before I was called into the best, and not die here in a rage, like a poisoned rat in a hole."



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#### THE SCREEN, CHRIST CHURCH.

Art and Library on a national scale, which are likely to be a great boon to the people of Dublin, and cannot but prove a great stimulus to the development of the higher culture. Money laid out in such a way is sure to prove a beneficial mode of expenditure, and there is a large and cultured community growing up in Dublin to whom such sources of profitable enjoyment are sure to be abundantly welcome.

#### GLASNEVIN HOUSE.

THIS interesting place is worth a visit. It lies to

#### THE FOUR COURTS.

HERE are the great Halls of Justice of the Irish Metropolis, and the structure in which they stand befits their importance and imposing grandeur. If we could travel far enough back in the centuries, we should probably come to a period when the Four Courts were undreamt of and when holy friars were housed on the site. It is a little more than a hundred years since this vast pile was started, and it was in 1797 that the grand opening was performed. The cost, we can well believe, was £200,000. It has a commanding outlook on the



river, with a frontage of 440 feet. Oblong in shape, above its central block rises a dome, which serves to light

eloquence and wit to-day? In the great hall under the dome do congregate the mingled crowds of lawyers,

clients, strangers; and the "stertorous hum" might be heard, one would think, far away. Says one bold writer:—"During term time it is crowded with lawyers and pickpockets, strangers and strugglers, the fleeced and the fleecing, the hopeful and the hopeless." Around the central hall may be seen imposing statues, such as those of Lords Plunket and White-side. It is pleasant to conclude one's visit to the Four Courts by turning into the coffee-room and spending a few reflective minutes in the library.



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#### FOUR COURTS.

the hall and courts below. The lantern which crowns the dome is seen and recognized far and wide. The main block is "flanked by squares, connected with the main entrance by arcades." The four departments of the structure are occupied by the four courts—the Chancery, Exchequer, Queen's and Common Pleas Divisions. In the courtyard at the rear, the Bankruptcy, Probate, and Admiralty Offices are stationed. Within this Palace of Justice were heard the eloquent voices of O'Connell, Curran, Dowse, Plunkett, White-side, Butt. Are there lawyers as remarkable for

Dublin can boast of more numerous and hand-



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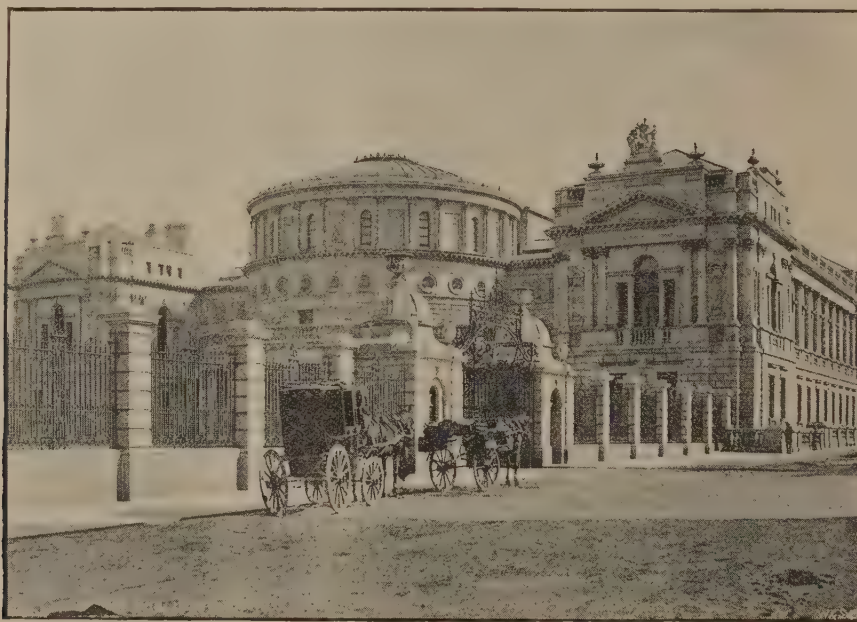
#### VICE-REGAL LODGE.

some squares than any city of corresponding size in the empire. There is Merrion Square, very fine and very fashionable, and proudly conscious that it bulks larger in importance than the 13 acres it covers. There is Queen's Square, Fitzwilliam Square, Rutland Square.

### ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN

Is the most extensive as well as the most picturesque of them all. It covers an area of nearly 20 acres, and a walk once round makes a mile. It has had a chequered history of good and ill-fortune. At one time it bore an evil reputation, as "Hogg's Green," the neglected haunt

Green, I think there were not more than two nursery maids to keep company with the statue of George I., who rides on horseback in the middle of the garden, the horse having its foot up to trot, as if he wanted to go out of town too. Small troops of dirty children (too poor and dirty to have lodgings at Kingstown) were squatting here and there upon the sunshiny steps. A stand of lazy carmen, a policeman or two with clinking boot heels, a couple of moaning beggars leaning against the rails and calling upon the Lord, were all the population of the Green." But all that is changed now, thanks to the public spirit of one of Dublin's leading citizens.



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### DUBLIN MUSEUM.

of the lawless and unclean. But a change came over the spirit of its dreams when, in pity for the fever-smitten poor who lived in the vicinity without one touch of nature to brighten their lives, it was cleansed, railed round, and finally, at the cost of Sir Arthur Guinness, now Lord Ardilaun, transformed into "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever." Its fine shady trees, its lake with 'swan and shadow,' its cascades and terraces, its bandstand and children's playground, all testify to the liberal munificence of its chief benefactor. Thackeray describes it as he saw it long ago in his own amusing and grotesque way: "In the wide square of St. Stephen's

### PHŒNIX PARK

DERIVES its name not from the fabled bird that sprang again from its own ashes, but from a corruption of *fionn uisc*—pronounced 'feenish,' and so easily changed into 'phœnix'—the ancient Gaelic name for the fine chalybeate spring which once rose near the Phœnix Pillar. The land had once belonged to the Knights Templar, who resided at Kilmainham, and was seized by the Crown when the Knightly Order was abolished. A statue of the first Earl of Carlisle reminds us that it was during his Lord Lieutenancy the Park was thrown open



to the public and made into a people's park. It is a magnificent area of almost 1,800 acres, with a circuit

the Zoological Gardens, as well as the Swiss chalet beside the lake, where the head gardener resides. Swans

and a rustic tea-house add to the picturesque appearance of the lake. In the very centre of the Park stands the Phoenix Monument, erected by Lord Chesterfield; but most striking of all is the Wellington Obelisk, at the south-east gate. It rises in massive form two hundred feet clear into the sky, and on its panels are recorded the successive heroic deeds of the great General and illustrious Duke.

To return to the heart of the city, we survey again the busy life of its streets and think of its trade.



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ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, KINGSTOWN.

of seven miles, undulating, well laid out with parterres of flowers, lakes, plantations of trees, and from various eminences commanding extensive views. Its wide open spaces are used for all sorts of games and sports—football and hurling, polo and golf. Here, too, grand military reviews and, by way of contrast, grand mass meetings of the people are held. Within its wide circuit may be seen the Vice-Regal Lodge, and close by the Chief Secretary's Lodge, the Barracks of the Royal Irish Constabulary, a Military School and Infirmary,



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KINGSTOWN TOWN HALL.

## THE TRADE OF DUBLIN

Has passed through chequered vicissitudes. Its Linen

of the capital the products of the dairy and the farm from many an Irish county. But the canals enjoy their

share of the trade too. The Grand Canal was commenced in the year 1755, a hundred and forty year ago, by the Corporation of Dublin. Its object, in days when railways were still unborn, was to establish a cheap and easy communication and transit for goods between remoter parts of Ireland. In 1772 subscribers began to take their shares in the concern, and soon they were incorporated as the "Company of Undertakers of the Grand Canal." The entire cost, including money spent on necessary docks, was close upon a million sterling, one third of



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## KINGSTOWN.

Hall goes back to the days when the linen trade was more of its staple industry than it is to-day. Dublin has always been the chief seat of the manufacture of poplin, and glass works and foundries have added largely to the commercial prosperity of the city. No one needs to be told that breweries and distilleries are at home in Dublin: they are famous the world over.

## THE QUAYS AND CANALS

OF Dublin are among its most vital commercial features. Its railways bring into the emporium



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## MALAHIDE CASTLE.



which was contributed by Parliament. This canal connects Dublin with the Shannon and the Barrow and drains an extensive country. The Royal Canal, which received the charter of incorporation from George III., has the advantage of being navigable from the capital to Longford and Tarmonbarry, not far from the head of the navigable course of the Shannon, a stretch of 92 miles. The public contributed three-quarters of a million towards its construction.

The principal Quays stretch along the North side of the river, forming the "North Wall," whence most of the largest steamers start. South Wall was con-

lawyers and judges, smartest journalists, and most eloquent orators. Its sons have risen to eminence not only in the open field of London,<sup>1</sup> but in every colony in the world. In spite of a tremendous emigration movement, Dublin has considerably increased in population during the last decade, and bears the hopeful signs of progress. We have not been able to enumerate half its attractions, its places of interest, and scenes of industry. One cannot but recall with regret, in passing along Coleraine Street, where we find the Linen Hall Barracks, that one of Dublin's richest industries has fallen into decline—the manufacture of the finest linen in the market. By way of compensation, however,



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### MOUNT JEROME CEMETERY.

structed in order to protect the harbour from the inroads of the South Bull Sands. The work is done in strong solidity, granite blocks being clamped together till they form one firm mass stretching out into Dublin Bay. Large docks have been constructed and opened for craft of all kinds.

Dublin thus possesses the facilities for a still greater commercial prosperity than it has ever enjoyed. It may yet become as famous for its fortunes as for the elegant speaking of its educated citizens.

Dublin has trained many of the world's greatest

other industries have flourished, such as the breweries and distilleries in and around Thomas Street, one of which — Guinness' — alone covers some fifty acres of ground. In the same quarter, also, are large building works employing many hands. Not only in commerce and industry does Dublin prosper: it provides liberally for its citizens' intellectual tastes. The Corporation Public Library alone circulates ten thousand volumes, where also magazines and newspapers are daily consulted in the spacious reading rooms. And in Kildare Street the handsome and splendidly-equipped National Library has been reared, after laborious efforts put forth

by some of Dublin's public spirits, and it now affords free facilities for reading to all and sundry.

Art has its place in the National Gallery and in the Royal Irish Academy, where the finest collection of Celtic antiquities in the world may be found, and where, among other objects of interest, the hero-worshipper

may see the Royal Tara Brooch, and the harp and library of Thomas Moore. Perhaps some day Dublin will erect a statue of that illustrious poet more worthy of him than any to be seen at present. For Dublin loves to honour its great men, and is loved by its sons, though they may be a thousand miles away.





COMMERCIAL DUBLIN.

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ARTHUR GUINNESS, SON, & CO., LIMITED,

St. James' Gate Brewery, Dublin.

THE world-wide identification of the name *Guinness* with a very large proportion of that porter and stout production for which Ireland has become so justly



famed must be expected to obviate any lengthy treatise in our present work, such as the importance of the house and its altogether exceptional and unparalleled resources would otherwise seem to demand. Notable, however, as the name is in relation to a branch of industry that thrives nowhere more prosperously than in Ireland, there are several interesting facts connected with the origin and development of this great undertaking which are indispensable to the scope of our reviews, and a closer acquaintance with which reveals more accurately and strikingly the remarkable advances of the business, whose accumulated interests of more than a century are now controlled by Messrs. ARTHUR GUINNESS, SON, & CO., LIMITED.

Somewhere about a hundred and thirty-three years ago, the business was first established by ancestors of Sir Edward Cecil Guinness, Bart. (now Lord Iveagh, and lately Chairman of the Company), the brewing plant being purchased from a man called Rainsford. Towards the beginning of the century, the discovery of a form of coloured or roasted malt opened up the way towards the manufacture of the *black beer* now known as porter and stout, instead of the brown-coloured beverage hitherto produced. For about twenty-five years later the trade of the house was for the most part local, but it afterwards became diverted across the Channel through the firm's active Agencies in England and Scotland, and, though

a desultory export trade was carried on up to 1863, it was only in that year that the house actually opened out into that export trade which has assumed such gigantic proportions. Even then, notwithstanding the additionally prosperous character of the Irish or home trade—which the firm never neglected,—the premises of the Brewery and adjuncts were enclosed within an area of four acres—one tenth of the space now occupied. Gradually, by the constant absorption of adjoining land and properties, the firm were enabled to extend their resources in plant and in space. The premises were then on the south side of St. James' Street and Thomas Street, and towards 1873 extensive additions were made by the acquisition of ground between the former street and the Liffey; and by more recent times a space of forty acres had been fully comprised.

Meanwhile the productiveness of the Brewery had consistently increased. During the space of fifty years, between 1837 and 1887, the trade had increased to thirty times that of the first-named year, and in 1886 the valuable interests of the Brewery were sufficiently ascertained by its transference to the above-named Limited Company for six million pounds sterling. The first year of the Company's administration was marked by a contribution of more than a twentieth of the entire revenue derived from beer in the United Kingdom—



that is to say, a twentieth of somewhere about nine millions. The Irish trade still continues to absorb a very great proportion of the firm's output, and possibly no commodity has acquired so popular and lasting a



hold upon public appreciation as the invigorating and full-bodied "Guinness." The selection of the three main constituents of the beer continues to command the especial care of those entrusted with the responsibility of its preparation.

The house has long manifested a preference for malt prepared from pure Irish barley, but, as sufficient of that commodity is not obtainable, the supplies embrace English and Scotch maltings, while the hops are brought from England, Germany, and America, but principally from the best hop-growers in Kent; while the water for brewing is derived from the City of Dublin's water supply and not from the waters of the Liffey, which many persons might be inclined to suppose. For cooling purposes the water is obtained from the Victoria Quay, and is pumped up 100 feet.

To enter *seriatim* upon the whole phases of the industry carried on by Messrs. GUINNESS, and to devote even passing reference to the magnificent facilities upon which it progresses, or to describe, however briefly, the great metamorphosis that time and improvement have wrought upon the Brewery since its initiation in 1759, would cover the pages of an opusculé. The published records of the house afford the best available epitome of its operations; and the visitor who is permitted to survey the establishment during its hours of busy activity will entertain many lasting impressions of its magnitude and careful organization. Once through the commanding structure that encloses the Company's offices and board-room, the visitor will find a wide field for interest in the contrast of the two Breweries — the old

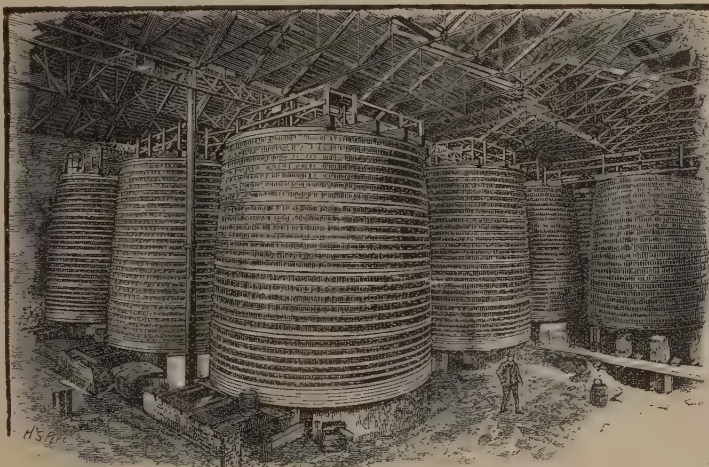
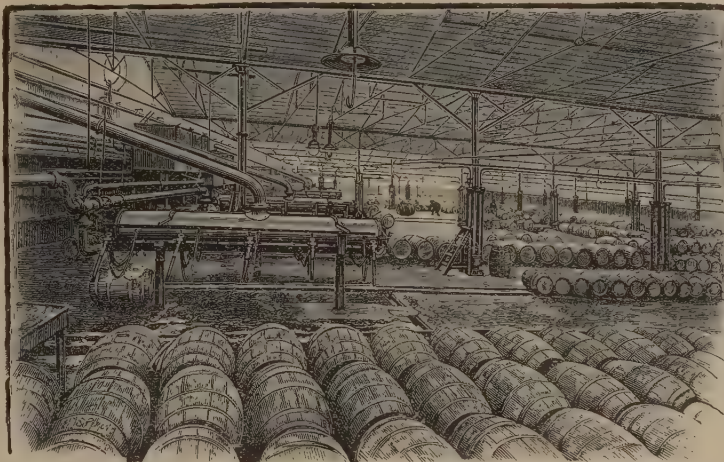
and the new; the numerous devices and systems for accelerating the routine of the industry, which have been suggested by inventive skill and sanctioned by the experiences of years; the system of railway service, by

which the entire grounds are intersected; the manner in which train communication is maintained throughout the three levels upon which the Brewery premises are constructed; and the methodical division of labour regulating the operations of a staff of some 1,600 hands, who populate the Brewery by their daily presence.

The consideration devoted by the Company to the personal comforts and interests of their employes is noted in the series of

workmen's houses, with dispensary, co-operative stores, coffee and reading rooms, baths and lavatories. Another block of workmen's dwellings has been erected near Rialto Bridge, on the Grand Canal, not far from the Brewery, under the shadow of which there has gradually grown up a thriving and progressive little colony of nearly 200 families, depending for their subsistence upon the adequate remuneration the proprietors afford to their staff. Reference has already been made to the facilities for transport held by the Company, and it need only be added that the local delivery service calls

into requisition a fine stud of 150 horses, partly Clydesdale and partly Irish, for whom splendid accommodation is afforded in the large stables connected with the Brewery, and which present an appreciable model of first-rate equipment, as they also constitute an example of that faultless arrangement and furnishing which render this famous Brewery at St. James' Gate one of the "sights to be seen" in modern and industrial Dublin.

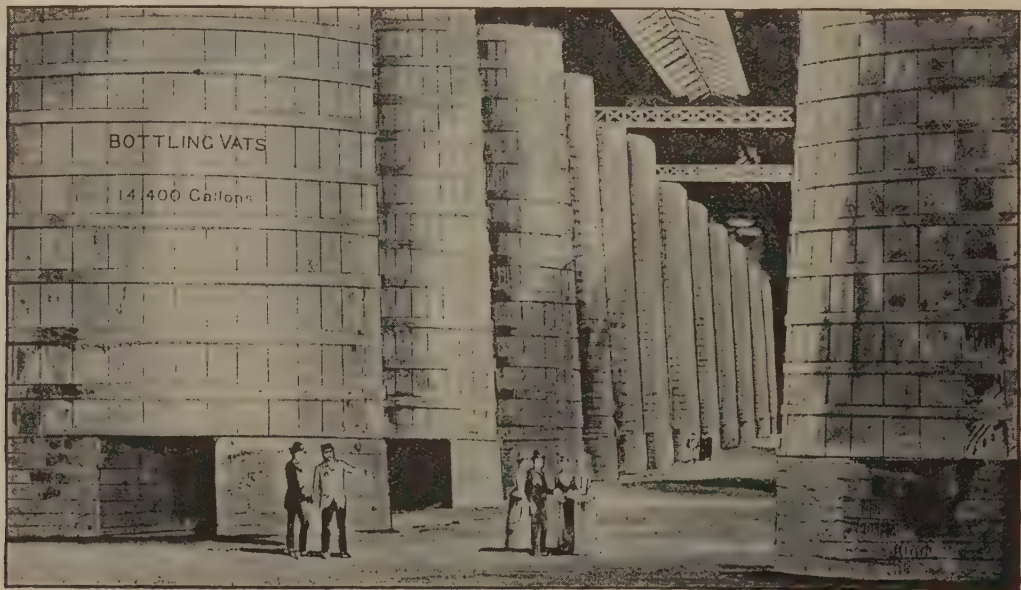


## EDWARD &amp; JOHN BURKE, LTD.,

Wholesale Export Bottlers, Dublin, Liverpool, New York, Melbourne, Sydney, &amp;c.

THE history of commercial enterprise in the Irish capital includes few more notable examples of successful trading than is furnished by the records of the great house of Messrs. EDWARD AND JOHN BURKE, LTD., of whose extensive undertaking, with its widespread ramifications at home and abroad, we submit this briefly descriptive and necessarily abridged review to the notice of our subscribers. The business was originally founded in the year 1848 by the late Mr. Edward F. Burke, who was joined some few years later by his brother, Mr. John Burke. Mr. Edward Burke associated himself almost exclusively with the Dublin firm, the late Mr. John

India, China, Japan, South America, Africa, and the principal cities of continental Europe, and in practically every portion of the civilised globe; the firm being the largest shipper in the world of Guinness's extra foreign stout, and the most extensive exporter of cased whisky in Dublin. One block of warehouses is situated in Bachelor's Walk by the side of the River Liffey, the premises presenting a commanding frontage to the street with handsome entrance, richly appointed in mahogany, and floor laid with artistic ornamental tiles. The offices, situated in the front part of the building, comprise handsome suite of general, clerks', and manager's rooms, fitted



THE BOTTLING VATS.

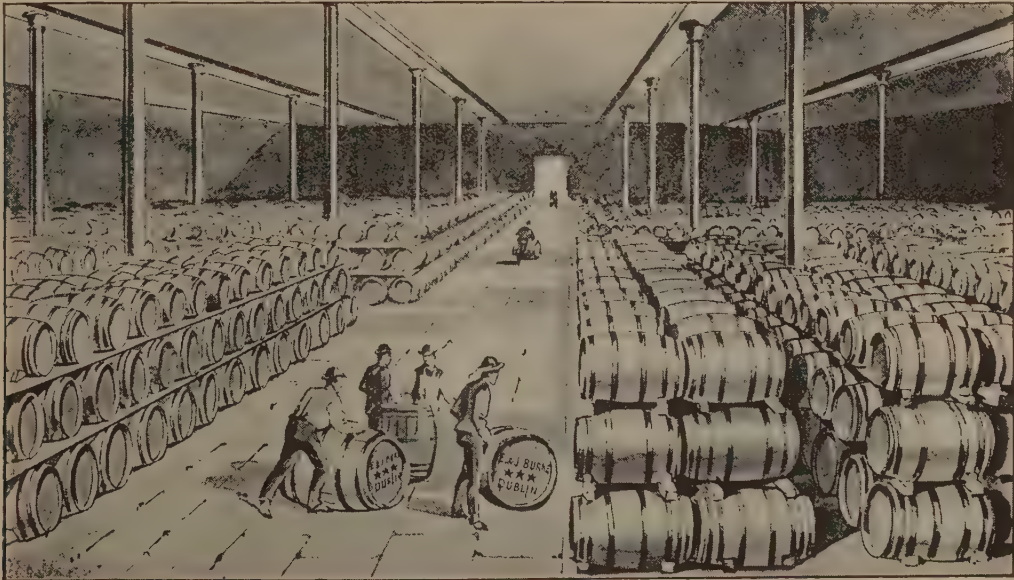
Burke with the New York business, and Mr. J. G. Nutting, one of the original partners of the old firm, was associated with the development of the Liverpool house, which is to-day the most important bottling establishment in the world. In July, 1890, the business was incorporated into a limited liability company, with a capital of £800,000, and so well established was the firm at that time, and so highly were the proprietors held in repute in the commercial world, that the demand for the shares exceeded many times the allotment intended for the public. Some idea of the magnitude of the business may be gathered from the fact that Messrs. BURKE, LTD., have at present some two hundred agents located in

with every convenience for the clerical staff and the administrative departments of the business. In the basement are the large vaults and cellars for casks and the bottling department, measuring upwards of 200 feet in length by 50 feet wide, and completely furnished with the necessary plant and appliances for forwarding the various processes of filling and corking. Down each side of this apartment are arranged many tiers of large butts of Guinness's stout, and here a large number of male and female workpeople are employed in filling and corking this beverage, the whole processes being carried out with the perfection of system and expeditious order. Coming up to the ground floor the visitor is next intro-



duced to the bottle-washing department, in which the new bottles are unpacked, and after undergoing the most thorough cleansing and drying are forwarded by specially-built movable racks to the filling department. When filled the bottles are conveyed in trucks by powerful hoists to the first floor, where they are wired, capsuled, and labelled, ready for packing into barrels for export, this important department employing the services of over fifty hands of both sexes. It is worthy of mention that at the date of our visit to the establishment the firm was just completing a shipload of over 5,000 barrels for despatch to New York, which was to be followed immediately by another vessel with a similar quantity, and like despatches to Canada and elsewhere. The upper floors of the

gallons of whisky each, and several vessels of smaller size. From the basement the bottled whisky is conveyed by steam lifts to the packing department, where it is most carefully labelled, capsuled, etc., and then packed into cases by a very large staff of men and boys; and afterwards the cases are forwarded to the stores ready for shipment, this department having accommodation for upwards of 28,000 full cases. In addition there are extensive spirit vaults stocked with an immense number of casks of whisky, and there are also commodious stores for empty cases and casks. The whole arrangements of the establishment are of the most complete character, the mechanical and operative resources of the undertaking having been organised with great skill and experience in order to meet the constant



BURKE'S THREE STAR IRISH WHISKY IN BOND.

warehouse, reached by spiral staircases of iron, and connected from the basement upwards by hoists, are utilised as stores for stock, of which many thousand bottles are held by the firm in order to thoroughly season and mature for consumption.

The other block of buildings, which comprise the Government bonded warehouses, is situated opposite the stout-bottling warehouse, and consists of an extensive, finely-built, and lofty structure with wide entrance, on one side of which is the office for the Inland Revenue officials, and on the other the manager's office. In the basement of this store is the filling or bottling department, furnished with the necessary plant and machinery for this purpose, and containing a number of immense vats, of enormous capacity, holding many thousands of

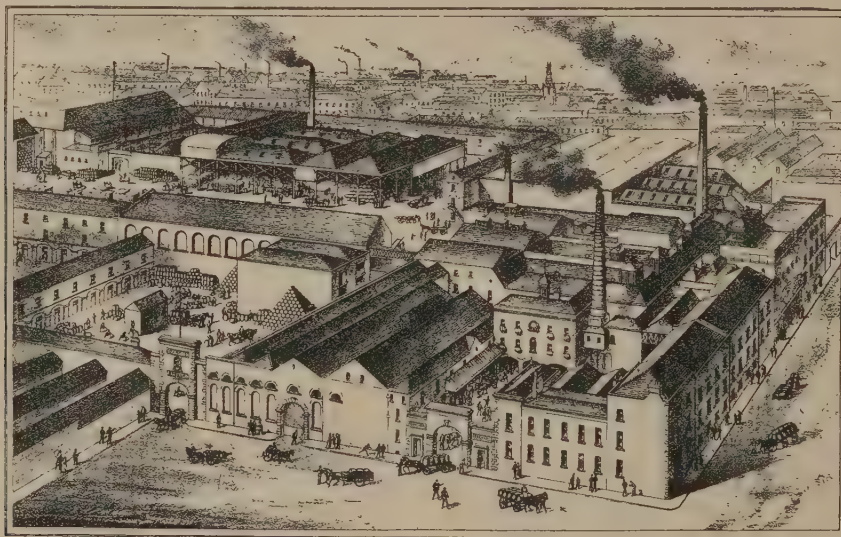
pressure of the enormous bulk of trade controlled by the firm, some indication of which is afforded by the volume of the annual turnover, which was certified by the eminent firm of Messrs. Turquand, Young, and Co., at the date of the conversion of the business, to amount to the substantial average of profit aggregating to £90,469 13s. 10d. for a period of five years previous to the disposal of the concern. The board of directors includes the names of gentlemen widely known in business circles, of whom Mr. John Burke is chairman, with Sir Henry Cochrane, Knt., D.L., J.P., Henry Guinness, Esq., J.P., Andrew Jameson, Esq., George Mc. D. Dickson, Esq., and John G. Nutting, Esq.—Frederick G. Nutting, Esq., and Edmund A. Trouton, Esq., as managing directors in Dublin, Liverpool and New York respectively.

## ANCHOR BREWERY, Dublin.

Proprietors—WILLIAM M. D'ARCY & JAMES F. D'ARCY, D.L.

AMONGST the more notable representatives of the brewing trade in the City *par excellence* of this industry in the kingdom there are few whose claims to recognition rank higher than the old-established business conducted for so many years past under the proprietorship of Messrs. Jno. D'Arcy and Son in Usher Street, and which, under the title of the ANCHOR BREWERY, has, for upwards of a century past, enjoyed an active existence as one of the leading houses engaged in the staple trade of the Metropolis of Ireland. The history of this famous old brewery dates back to a period anterior to 1782, when it is known to have been in the

D'Arcy (Deputy Lieutenant and Magistrate for the counties of Dublin and Wexford, and representative of the latter county in the House of Commons for many years), who has since been followed by Messrs. William M. D'Arcy and James F. D'Arcy, D.L., the present proprietors. The site of the brewery in Usher Street covers a total area of seven acres, the portion of the premises fronting the street being utilised as counting-house, general offices, &c., and rising above them in the rear are the brewhouse, malt stores, and other buildings, most solidly constructed and of neat elevation, some of them being very lofty. The limits allotted to



GENERAL VIEW OF ANCHOR BREWERY, USHER STREET, DUBLIN.

possession of Messrs. Kavanagh and Brett, but the business is supposed to have been originally founded early in the eighteenth century, as the parish records testify to a brewery standing on the banks of the river in this locality. Messrs. Kavanagh and Brett subsequently transferred their interest to Mr. John D. Byrne, a practical brewer and thorough man of business, and on this gentleman's retirement in January, 1818, the brewery was sold to Mr. John D'Arcy for a sum of £35,000, evidencing the value of the business even at that remote period. On the death of Mr. John D'Arcy in 1865, he was succeeded by his son, Matthew Peter

this sketch preclude us giving anything like a detailed description of the various buildings which constitute the brewery premises, and we must, perforce, be content to indicate in outline the more salient features of the arrangements. The attention of the visitor is first directed to the enormous malt store, a building, constructed of brick, 216ft. long, in which are enclosed twenty-seven immense bins, each of which possesses a capacity of 1,400 barrels. At each end of the block is a kiln, 30ft. square, with a capacity of 100 barrels, both used for re-drying malt when necessary, and there is also a kiln contrived for the delicate operation of roast-



ing the malt for porter. Next in order, although first in importance, is the great brew-house, one of the largest and most conspicuous buildings on the ground, fitted throughout with plant and appliances of modern construction and containing some of the largest utensils in use in any brewery in Ireland. Amongst these may be mentioned the No. 4 Mash Tun, a vessel measuring 23ft. diameter and 7ft. deep, with a mashing capacity of 300 barrels. Here, also, are four domed coppers, each having a boiling capacity of about 500 barrels, and in the building adjoining is a still more phenomenal-sized vessel—a mammoth copper of extraordinary proportions; it is said to be the largest in the world, and capable of holding over 1,300 barrels. The cost of constructing this monster vessel, which weighs twelve tons, exceeded £3,000, and the time occupied in making it was thirteen months. In order to obtain a view of the interior of the copper it is necessary to mount a roft ladder to the man-hole, from which, by means of a suspended lantern, it is possible to plumb its depth and form some idea of its capacity, the magnitude of which may be better realised by the fact that, when it was

completed, no fewer than thirty persons partook of refreshment in this capacious vessel. Leaving the brewhouse, the next department in importance is the great fermenting room, measuring 210ft. by 87ft., containing two immense open coolers, to which the wort is pumped direct. Below this is the “A” fermenting room, containing nine fermenting tuns, each holding 600 barrels. On the ground floor of the new building is a splendid saloon, devoted to cleansing operations, provided with the necessary appliances for this purpose, and adjoining this are the spacious old and new vat houses, in which are stored many thousands of barrels of liquor in condition for sending out. The other buildings include cask-washing sheds, large cooperage workshops, and stabling for fifty horses. The brewery finds constant employment for upwards of 300 persons and is capable of turning out 250,000 barrels annually. A widespread connection has been established by the firm, which includes the principal buyers in Ireland, and a large and increasing export trade has been secured with England, where Messrs. D’Arcy’s brands are held in well-deserved and sustained estimation.

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### SAMUEL BOYD,

Retail Chemist, Wholesale Druggist, Oil and Colour Merchant, Methylated Spirit  
Manufacturer, and Importer of Petroleum Oil, &c., 46, Mary Street, Dublin.

ONE of the oldest and most noted houses in the wholesale and retail drug and chemical trade of the Irish metropolis is that of Mr. SAMUEL BOYD, of 46, Mary Street (Stores: Chapel Lane, Mayor Street (North Wall), and Granby Lane, off Rutland Square). The business was founded about the year 1805 by Mr. Glenton, by whom it was successfully carried on for several years. The founder was succeeded, about the year 1820, by a Mr. John Aylmer, who held the proprietorship down to the year 1832, when Mr. Allan became proprietor. Fifteen years elapsed, and in 1847 Mr. SAMUEL BOYD obtained the ownership, and it is a pleasure to make the statement that for a period of nearly fifty years he has administered the affairs of the house with a degree of success that is quite unprecedented in the annals of the local drug trade. The house is now a thoroughly representative and comprehensive druggery emporium of the first class. The wholesale warehouse and retail shop are situated in 46, Mary Street, and here will be found a stock including all the ordinary items and most of the special features pertaining to the trade. The shop is arranged in a manner affording the most perfect convenience and facilitating in every way the large mercantile and manufacturing operations of the house. The general organisation of the establishment at once produces a favourable impression upon the visitor, and leaves no doubt as to the high practical ability of the management.

The general stores of the concern are situate in Chapel Lane, off Denmark Street, and here very large stocks are held in oils, varnishes, and colours (both moist and dry), while the stock of sundries and druggeries includes a list of important items the mere enumeration of which would extend beyond the limits and scope of the present review. There is another important department of Mr. Boyd’s business that merits notice, namely, the manufacture of methylated spirits, for which a Government licence is held by the proprietor. The methylated spirit warehouse is in Granby Lane, Rutland Square, and here will be found a large supply held in reserve to meet the exigencies of the trade. Fancy soaps, too, are manufactured as well as “Allan’s Harness Varnish,” Boyd’s Harness Composition, and other popular specialities. Mr. Boyd also enjoys the reputation of having brought the first cargo of petroleum into Ireland direct from America, and his trade in this particular article has so much increased of late years that several cargoes are now annually imported by our enterprising friend. Commercially speaking, Mr. Boyd holds a position among the foremost firms in its line. The connection covered is a most important and valuable one in every respect, and is well maintained by those honourable and straightforward methods of business which have always characterised the commercial relations between this respected house and its influential body of patrons throughout the kingdom.

## CLERY &amp; CO., Warehousemen and General Drapers,

Lower Sackville Street, Dublin.

IN selecting for the purposes of this work the principal features of individual commercial enterprise in the Irish metropolis, it would be impossible to ignore the paramount claims to recognition presented by the eminent firm of Messrs. CLERY AND Co., Warehousemen and General Drapers, whose splendid establishment in Lower Sackville Street supplies the subject of this briefly descriptive sketch. The history of the business dates back to its foundation in 1853 by Messrs. MacSweeney and Delany, who subsequently transferred their interest in the concern to a Limited Liability Company, from

as warerooms and show departments. On the ground floor may be inspected a splendid assortment of brass and metallic bedsteads and spring, hair, and other mattresses, the only branch of the furnishing trade represented in the establishment. The firm also exhibit in comprehensive variety a wide range of tapestries, cretonnes, damasks, blankets, sheetings and counterpanes, flannels, dress materials, silks, furs, ladies' underclothing, calicoes, linens, prints, laces, ribbons, flowers, hosiery, gloves, haberdashery, etc., etc. Special attention is devoted by Messrs. CLERY to the order or bespoke tailoring department, in which the services of first-class practical cutters



whom it was acquired eight years ago by the present proprietors. The premises occupied by the firm are of imposing proportions and justly rank with the most attractive establishments in Dublin, having a commanding frontage of 95 feet, with fine façade in ornamental stucco design. The interior is appropriately in keeping with the external appearance of the establishment, and with its beautifully appointed showrooms and sales departments provides extensive facilities for the working of the various branches of the business. The showrooms are of spacious extent and provide ample accommodation for the effective display of the large stock of high-class millinery—mantles, costumes, boots and shoes, etc., submitted, in the several departments. The rear portion of the establishment is well lighted from the roof and is surrounded by galleries of ornamental design, these being utilised

and experienced hands are employed, and the firm have also on hand large stocks of ready-made clothing of the highest quality of material and workmanship in all the latest and most fashionable styles. Extensive workrooms are set apart for the mantle-making, millinery, and costume departments, in which a staff of experienced modistes and workpeople are employed, the resources of the firm in this department enabling them to undertake at the shortest notice orders of any magnitude for wedding outfits, court costumes, or mourning. Messrs. CLERY have long enjoyed a widespread and influential *clientèle* in the City and the surrounding residential suburbs, and from their eminent capacity in catering for the requirements of popular taste the firm have achieved a distinct success in the branch of commercial enterprise they so ably represent.



## ALFRED MANNING,

Magasin de Nouveautés, 102 and 103, Grafton Street, Dublin.

A HIGH and influential centre of trade, among the several distinguished houses that contribute to the interest and attractiveness of Dublin's superior lines of commerce, is presented in the old-established emporium under the above name, which has remained for half a century an accredited leader of this City's fashionable and high-class trade. The business owes its origin to a well-known City magnate, namely, Alderman Manning (Justice of Peace), by whom it was founded sixty years ago. In more recent times it has come under the proprietary and direction of his eldest son, Mr. ALFRED MANNING, who controls all its affairs in a manner suitable to the status of the house and conducive to the preservation of its valuable repute and interests. The very central and conspicuous situation of the house at one of the best portions of the Grafton Street thoroughfare largely offers many facilities for display, an example of which is presented in the fine plate-glass frontage, while the interior is replete with evidences of rich furnishing, and the various mirrored appointments and the handsome carpeted rooms all convey impressions of good taste, and impart to the establishment an appropriate aspect of dignity and refinement. A neatly-appointed office attracts attention, and visitors will find much to admire in the arrangements of the upper showrooms, where the requirements of lady patrons are represented in almost limitless arrays of novelties, and the whole requisites of attire are in such full accordance with the very latest caprices of fashion and taste as to emphasize the claim of the house to its well-known title of *Magasin de Nouveautés*.

The warerooms, workrooms, and fitting-rooms are all on a standard of corresponding completeness and good appointment, while especial care is devoted to the superintendence of an efficient staff of work-hands, most of whom are experts in the several branches of outfitting, and whose operations have contributed to the present high name of the establishment in the department of trade it illustrates. The work of the house involves everything that pertains to a distinctly superior costume and family mourning trade. The most elaborate bridal attire and suitable outfits are prepared with the same skill and precision as the most urgent mourning orders, while dinner and ball gowns, mantles, and millinery are

also provided with the exactitude of costume specialists conversant with every phase of modern fashion, and anticipating correctly all its possible and probable mutations. There are specialised many excellent items in the large and exhaustive range of silks and velvets, seal coats, furs, and underclothing, and so thoroughly is the main feature of complete outfit exemplified, that not the least important and attractive department of the house is that in which there are submitted to inspection a beautiful assortment of cayettes. Of the whole departments comprised, it is obviously needless to say more than that they all denote one uniform standard of excellence. To accentuate the genuine worth and quality of everything, as well as to afford the utmost facility for choice on the part of patrons, the proprietor has omitted nothing from the commendable scheme of perfect arrangement which characterises this emporium of novelties; and it would hardly be possible to conceive a more striking example of the conditions of refinement under which modern Irish trades of the first class are carried on than is presented by the general *ensemble* of Mr. MANNING's saloons and showrooms. Reference has already been made to the aristocratic *clientèle* of the house, and it may be added that the establishment has been long honoured by a special appointment to the Vice-regal Court. Outfits are furnished for patrons resident in India and the colonies, and the proprietor controls what is believed to be the most aristocratic business in its way in Dublin.

During the recent visit of Her Majesty the Queen of Roumania to Dublin, Mr. MANNING received many marks of Royal favour from the gifted Carmen Sylva, who conferred upon this gentleman the special *brevet* of costumier by appointment: the Royal Warrant displayed in a handsome frame being one of the most honoured of the firm's possessions. Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and most of the residential nobility and gentry of this neighbourhood rank among the adherents of this old and honoured house, and its distinguished support is reciprocated by the proprietor and staff in a manner eminently satisfactory to those catered for, and with a degree of intelligent and discriminate management creditable to the superior principles upon which it is guided.

## MCINTYRE &amp; GILBERT, Decorators, 27, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

THIS eminent firm of house decorators has been established twelve years, the sole proprietor now being Mr. John McIntyre. The firm's premises at the above address are of four storeys, have a large window for display, and extend back about 100 feet. The fine showroom runs the whole length, is suitably fitted for the accommodation of the heavy stock of wall papers and other decorative materials held, and

offers superior facilities to the public for transacting business. The firm are experts in the matter of decoration, and are well abreast of modern ideas. They undertake all classes of special or ordinary work. During the lengthened period of its operations, the firm has won golden opinions. Mr. McIntyre gives the business the benefit of his personal attention and long experience, and enjoys the confidence of his numerous patrons.

## EDMUNDSON'S FURNISHING AND ENGINEERING CO., LIMITED,

33, 34, 35, and 36, Capel Street, Dublin.

IN no department of scientific research, as applied to the arts of modern life, have such magnificent triumphs been won by mind over matter as in the domain which has in electricity its prime factor. When we contemplate the achievements of the modern electrician and electrical engineer, we are almost constrained to exclaim with the great Lord Bacon: "Verily, the more we know, the more we desire to know; and the further we advance, the more do we perceive how much is still in store for us!" Pre-eminent among the great industrial establishments on this side the Atlantic, to whom is mainly due the credit of having brought some of the most valuable manifestations and applications of electrical science to the very doors of the British and Irish public, must be ranked the well-known house named at the head of this review, though better known, perhaps, by its old and honoured title, J. EDMUNDSON & COMPANY, LTD. The business was originally founded in Dublin in 1830, and in 1866 MESSRS. EDMUNDSON & COMPANY initiated their London establishment. After the decease of the founder in 1848, a disastrous fire destroyed the original premises in Stafford Street, where the principal operations involved the manufacture of gas-fittings and all descriptions of general brass-foundry work. The factory was subsequently rebuilt with considerable enlargements, and the most complete facilities were afforded for the carrying on of every essential operation in connection with the manufacture of sanitary appliances and every phase of the plumber's, whitesmith's, and coppersmith's art. At a comparatively early period of the firm's history, the house had received commissions to construct and install some very important lighthouse apparatus, including lanterns and rotatory appliances, the quality of which has never been excelled. Gas-fitting, with all the necessary apparatus for gas manufacture, also exercised the energies of the firm, and throughout the British Empire will be found, at the present day, many magnificent evidences of Messrs. EDMUNDSON & COMPANY's perfect mastery of every detail in this department of mechanics. But the sudden impetus given to the application of electrical science by the discoveries of Edison and others diverted a considerable share of the firm's attention into channels which have proved of immense service in extending the celebrity of the house. Messrs. EDMUNDSON & COMPANY, in this department of business, have made an immense number of installations of the electric light—chiefly of incandescent lights,—having adopted the "Swan" lamp, for which they hold the agency, and of these and the "Swan-Edison" incandescent lamp they have fixed between seventy and one hundred thousand. Among the leading patrons of the firm may be mentioned the following imposing list: His Grace the Duke of Hamilton, His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Her Grace the Duchess of Montrose, The Most Noble the Marquis of Cholmondeley, The Right Hon. the Earls of Aberdeen, Kenmare, and Wemyss, Lords Brassey, Egerton of Totton, Hillingdon, Muncaster, Revelstoke, Savile, Wantage, Wimborne, and Wolverton, His Grace the Most Reverend Dr.

Walsh (Archbishop of Dublin), and many of the most prominent members of British and Irish society. A sketch of this immensely and deservedly successful concern would indeed be incomplete were we to omit special mention of the gentleman who for a long period of years has guided the splendid destinies of the establishment. With respect to Mr. John R. Wigham, J.P., M.R.I.A., we feel that we cannot do better than reproduce a short biographical sketch which appeared some time ago in a well-known literary and commercial organ. The *British Journal of Commerce* says:—"John R. Wigham, J.P., M.R.I.A., was born in one of the beautiful suburbs of Edinburgh in the year 1829. He was educated in that city, but in early life removed to Dublin, where he entered into the business of his brother-in-law, Mr. Joshua Edmundson, Hardware Merchant and Manufacturer. While still very young, he had, on the death of Mr. Edmundson, to take the whole charge of the business of the firm of J. EDMUNDSON & Co. About this time, gas-lighting began in Dublin to supersede the use of oil and candles in private houses, and Mr. Wigham industriously carried out the system, first introduced by Mr. Edmundson into Dublin, of applying the Scotch plan of gas-fitting, which mainly consisted in the use of piping drawn from pure tin, instead of the brazed iron piping and other faulty appliances which had previously been used. The result was that the introduction of gas into private use took place in Dublin to an extent almost as great as in Scotch cities, and to a greater extent than has ever yet been the case in London. Mr. Wigham gave much attention to improve the design and manufacture of small gas works suitable for lighting public institutions and country mansions outside the range of the ordinary gas supply of towns. He was also engineer to the Commercial Gas Company of Ireland, and designed gas works for that Company at Kingstown. In 1865 he devised a system of applying gas to lighthouses, a small compact gas works for making gas on the spot being used. The gas was first made from oil, and afterwards from rich Cannel Coal as more convenient, and producing a gas much more reliable in its illuminating power than oil. The main features of this invention of Mr. Wigham's were, first, that the burners which he applied were of such a construction as to require no chimney glasses; and, second, that, while the power of the light was always sufficient to show a brighter beam to the horizon than the most powerful oil lamp of the day, this power of the gas-light could be increased by the light-keeper by successive steps, according to the state of the atmosphere, so as to penetrate fog to an extent impossible under the oil system. The new light was adopted by the Commissioners of Irish Lights, and erected at Howth Baily Lighthouse. It was so favourably spoken of by mariners that the Commissioners employed Professor Tyndall, F.R.S., to report upon it. This he did, with the result that Mr. Wigham's gas system was, with various improvements which he from time to time devised, adopted for nine of the principal lighthouses in Ireland and two in



England. The question of its further adoption was referred by Government to a committee selected by them called the Lighthouse Illuminants Committee. Voluminous Parliamentary papers on the subject were published, from which it appears that the Trinity House were opposed to the further development of the gas system, and it became hardly wise to refer the matter to them. The context of their report of experiments made at South Foreland with lighthouse illuminants was promptly challenged by Mr. Wigham, and a brisk controversy commenced. Notwithstanding this discussion, it is admitted on all hands that, but for the inventions and labours of Mr. Wigham, which were carried on, as the perusal of the Parliamentary papers will show, in spite of much obstruction on the part of public officials and others, the science of lighthouse illumination would not have reached its present position, and that the sailor would not now have the advantage of the improved lights which have of recent years been fixed for his guidance. Besides the attention which Mr. Wigham has given to this lighthouse matter and to the general conduct of the extensive business of this firm as gas and water engineers, he has been able to devote some time to public matters. He is Chairman of the Blackrock Town Commissioners and Honorary Secretary of the

Dublin Chamber of Commerce, an Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in Ireland, a member of the Royal Irish Academy and of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society, and a Justice of the Peace for the County of Dublin. He is also the Deputy Chairman of the Alliance and Consumers' Gas Company (a very large undertaking, in which about 150,000 tons of coal are annually carbonised) and a Director of the Dublin United Tramways Company. From time to time he has publicly brought his views on scientific questions before the following societies:—The British Association, The Royal Dublin Society, The Royal Society of Arts, and the Institutes of Civil Engineers in London and Dublin; and, as an evidence of the extent of Mr. Wigham's inventive faculties, it may be mentioned that no fewer than twenty-five patents have been granted to him within the past twenty years. It is to such mental energy that the country owes its present commercial *prestige* in the world. . . . Competition between industrial nations grows each year in its magnitude and consequences, and to our inventors and scientists, and such men as Mr. Wigham, must we look to guide us and lead us through our impending difficulties, and onward to a goal of greater prosperity and more settled comfort."

**W. MAHALM & CO., Tea, Wine, Whisky, and Foreign Spirit Merchants,  
62, Thomas Street, Dublin.**

ONE of the most important and influential among the many old-established houses devoted to the tea and wine trade of Dublin is presented in that of Messrs. W. MAHALM & Co., who have for upwards of thirty years successfully combined an extensive trade as dealers in high-class tea, wine, whisky, foreign spirits, and cigars. A visit to the firm's establishment in Thomas Street conveys many impressions of the importance of the business transacted by them, though the frontage of the premises to that thoroughfare is unassuming in comparison therewith, and may be said to afford no idea of the magnitude of the premises and the almost exceptional resources therein embodied. From the offices and counting-house towards the front a series of warehouses, vaults, and accessories extends to the rear, as far as Vicar Street, over a distance of some 500 feet, and indicate a breadth of 70 feet at their widest part. Access is first obtained to the wine and spirit vaults, with bottling and labelling departments diverging from the same, and these are followed up by the cooperage, the bottle store, the underground wine cellars (devoted to the preservation of the choicest wines), and the cordial vault. It is in the latter department of the business that Messrs. MAHALM are perhaps best known in the trade, their high-class cordials having won appreciative testimony to their superior excellence from all sections of the public, and now may be justly considered one of the firm's most important and special lines of manufacture. The whole space of three flats is devoted to this branch of the business, and first-class modern plant

and appliances, with steam motive power, are supplied for this purpose.

A splendid evidence of the firm's exhaustive capacities for storage is presented in their bonded free warehouse, where they also engage in bottling French brandies, rums, gins, bond whiskies, British compounds, etc., under the supervision of the Excise authorities. Their bonded warehouse is very extensive, covering as it does almost the entire length of Vicar Street—150 yards—and is supplemented by spacious lofts, in which are preserved several of the rarest selections of champagnes which judicious importation can secure. In cigars alone the firm manifest a facility for supply which fully corresponds with the large trade they command as cigar merchants and importers, and their transactions in these cover the entire gamut of foreign cigar production. The above mere enumeration of the firm's departments may serve as an indication of the thoroughly self-contained character of a business holding its practical, as well as commercial, details under one large and ably-controlled organisation. The intrinsic excellencies of the firm's goods—alike in teas, wines, whiskies, foreign spirits, and cigars—have attained recognition among many of the best houses in the trade; and it would be difficult to find a firm who so well merit their distinction in the commerce of the Irish capital, or who have more consistently maintained the unimpeachable standard of merit by which their goods are everywhere known and accepted, than that of Messrs. W. MAHALM AND Co.

## JOHN RIGBY &amp; CO.,

Gun Makers by Appointment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Gun, Pistol, and Rifle Manufacturers;

Inventors and Patentees ;

24, Suffolk Street, Dublin. Also at 72, St. James' Street, London, S.W.

AMONG the several names that have become everywhere familiar in association with the gun-making industry and its numerous improvements during the past century and a half, there are probably none more widely known than that of Mr. John Rigby, the founder of the eminent business still carried on in Dublin and London under the firm-name of Messrs. JOHN RIGBY & COMPANY. It was in the year 1735 that Mr. Rigby's grandfather first engaged in the production of firearms, and from that time up to the present day the name has been intimately identified with the trade. The work and industry established by him have been perpetuated with conspicuous success and credit by his descendants under a continuous family proprietary.

The various inventions and improvements introduced by Mr. John Rigby are already a matter of gun-making history, and it is therefore the obvious intention of the present brief sketch to deal more particularly with the later attainments of the firm and to emphasize the main reasons by which their present high position in the British gun-making trade has been acquired. While Dublin has at all times formed their headquarters, they have for twenty-six years maintained a branch house in London appropriately located in the St. James' district, and in a position convenient for the high-class residential community by whom Messrs. RIGBY have been so long patronised. As above indicated, they hold appointment as Gun Makers to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Ireland, and command the support of a distinguished patronage, embracing many sportsmen and others of the class best able to appreciate the superior merits by which their productions have become characterized. The firm were awarded their first Prize Medal at the World's Fair in 1851, and four years later were the recipients of a similar honour at the Paris Exhibition. They received an additional Prize Medal at the London Exhibition of 1862, and the like award at the Dublin Exhibition of 1865. Since that year Messrs. RIGBY have received Prize Medals at Philadelphia and London, the former illustrating their success in competition with a wide series of exhibitors. The greater number of the innovations adopted by Messrs. RIGBY at the present time have originated with themselves, and were only brought out after lengthy study and exhaustive trial; and of these the following may be specialised as representative :—

The patent under-lever, hammerless treble grip, applied to Class A; the removable extractor and lever fore-end attachment; and Rigby's top-snap, all of which obtained the Gold Medal at the Exhibition of Inventions in London in 1886; and Rigby's patent sliding, self-elevating back-sight, applicable (along with an improved mould) to the firm's breech-loading "Express" rifles.

At the "Field" gun trial in 1875 Messrs. RIGBY's 12-bore gun made the shots counting highest for pene-

tration, and the frequent victories of the Irish Eight at Wimbledon have been scored with "Rigby" rifles.

While the firm have long represented every branch and department of gun-making industry in their premises at Dublin, most of the barrels and actions are now, owing to the English Proof Act, made in their London factory; and since lock-filing has become centred in Wolverhampton, and the forging of fine gun-barrels is now confined to Birmingham and Liege, Messrs. RIGBY have turned their attention to the other departments of the manufacture. In sending out guns suitable for farmers, emigrants, keepers, etc., as well as rifles for target shooting or military use, the firm have employed all the skill and knowledge derived from many years of careful experiment, and the proper application thereto, of scientific principles. The discovery of the various improvements now specialised by them has necessarily involved much time and expense, but the results are sufficiently manifested in the known excellence of their productions and their various phases of usefulness and merit. Proceeding on the very reasonable and logical conclusion that superior guns are not to be found at a cheap price (whatever competition has brought about), they make only such firearms as are manifestly efficient in every respect, and for these they ask a price corresponding to the several standards of merit they indicate. Guns which they do not make themselves are made expressly for them by respectable Birmingham manufacturers, and thus, while selling a gun at a price as high as £55, they can also place in the way of occasional sportsmen a class of gun ranging from five to thirteen guineas; but these are plainly submitted for what they are, and are *guaranteed* to the extent only of their several qualifications. As a general rule cheap guns are not encouraged by the firm, for the reason that they cannot obviously be recommended as confidently as guns made and tested in their own workshops. Many people are misled by the apparent durability of some cheap guns, but the reason for this is to be found in the fact that the owner is only an occasional sportsman, and is thereby less quick to discover the technical imperfections of a low-priced gun. Of this description an example is presented in the "*Guaranteed*" gun, which is a well-finished and neatly-engraved article made specially for Messrs. RIGBY by a Birmingham firm. As a sporting rifle no class of the "Rigby" firearms has become more enduringly popular than the "Express," now in wide requisition among the firm's patrons everywhere—in India, Africa, and in the Highland deer forests. The introduction of these rifles has afforded splendid scope for the firm's ingenuity and skill as gun-making specialists, and they may be said to have led the way in the adaptation and improvement of these to every form of use. Messrs. RIGBY's rook and rabbit rifles are largely famed, and the firm were the first to introduce (under the name



it continues to bear) the British Army Revolver. From the above concise *résumé* of the firm's operations their status in the British gun trade of to-day may be fairly determined. Their Dublin works are equipped and organised on a basis of efficiency tending to provide for all the exigencies of the Irish business. Elegant examples of their latest attainments in superior gun-

making are exhibited in the showroom and warehouse in Suffolk Street, which extends backwards from that thoroughfare over a stretch of 200 feet, and is made available for the display not only of guns, rifles, pistols, and revolvers, but also of ample supplies of cases and implements and of everything that can be included in the comprehensive category of sporting equipments.

### LAMBERT, BRIEN, & COMPANY,

Lamp Merchants, Lamp Oil Importers and Refiners, and Wax Chandlers,  
64, Grafton Street, Dublin.

THIS ancient business undertaking was founded nearly a century ago by Mr. John Lambert, a member of the old Corporation of Dublin, who was succeeded by his son, Mr. James Lambert, who also served the City in a corporate capacity, having been Lord Mayor in 1859 and connected for many years with the governing bodies of the municipality. The proprietary title was subsequently altered to that of MESSRS. LAMBERT, BRIEN, & Co., and the business is now continued under

the control of the principal proprietor, J. W. Brien, Esq., J.P., a nephew of Mr. Jas. Lambert, trading under the style above indicated. The premises of the firm are situated at 64, Grafton Street, and comprise a magnificent pile of corner building with lofty front elevation of Gothic design, the material used in its construction consisting of red brick, with terracotta facings, pil-



lars, etc., presenting one of the most graceful and attractive architectural features of this fine thoroughfare. The large plate-glass windows are devoted to an effective display of a wide range of elegantly designed *modérateur* and mineral oil lamps, fairy lamps, table and conservatory decorations, and a great variety of illuminating requisites and other goods supplied by the firm. The ground-floor portion of the establishment is utilised for the retail department, and is very finely appointed throughout, the beautiful goods exhibited by the proprietors forming an exhibition of unique value and variety. To the rear is the wholesale department, reached by a separate entrance, and here are situated the offices, oil stores, warehouse, packing room, etc., with gateway for goods at the rear. Ascending to the upper floor by a wide

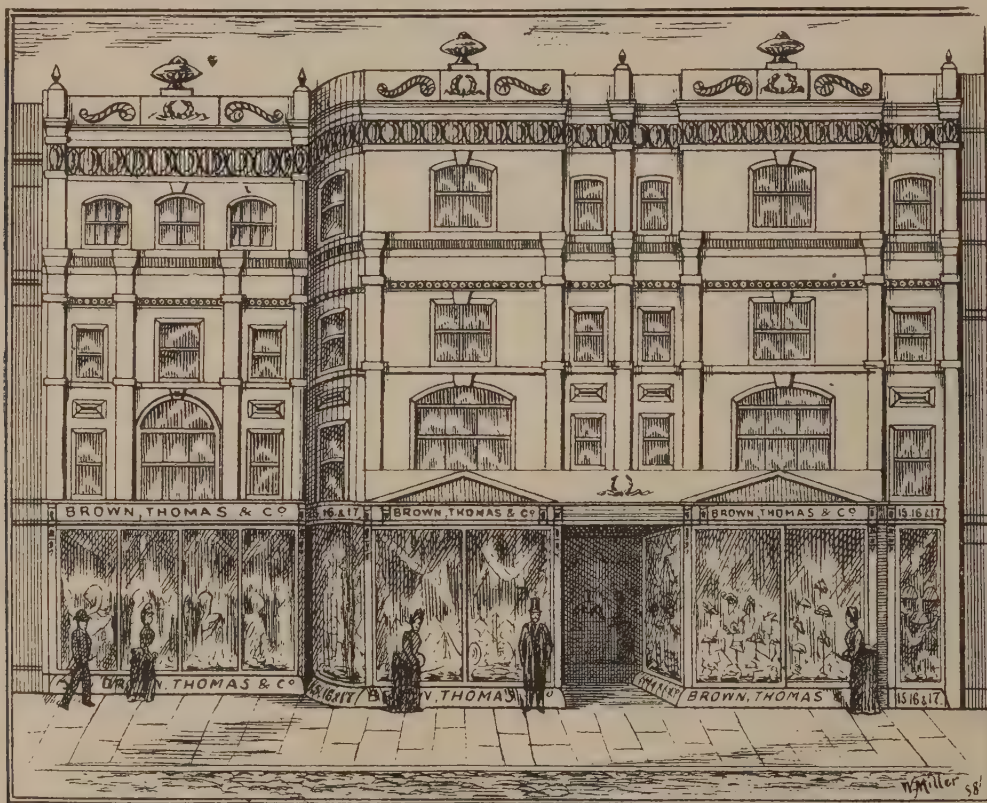
staircase, the visitor is conveyed to the magnificent showroom containing one of the largest and most varied displays of all kinds of ornamental lamps for drawing-room, boudoir, dining-room, hall, library, and other purposes in the kingdom. The range covered by the operations of the firm includes the supplying of candles for special purposes, in bees' wax, for ecclesiastical functions, etc.; transparent wax, spermaceti, ball-room and dining-room candles, and patent stearine candles; candles for domestic use; coloured and fancy candles, tapers, etc.; mortars, night-lights, stands, etc.; household soaps, starch, soda, blues, etc., by all the best makers; perfumed and fancy soaps for the toilet; wax vestas, matches, etc., etc.; and a great variety of similar goods. In addition to the firm's other well-known registered specialities Messrs. LAMBERT, BRIEN, & Co. have lately introduced their Turkish Bath Soap—prepared specially from vegetable oils, the produce of Africa and the East—which is particularly well adapted both for toilet and lavatory purposes, and, possessing as it does great cleansing and soothing qualities, the Turkish Bath Soap has already secured the approbation and recommendation of the medical profession throughout the United Kingdom. Messrs. LAMBERT, BRIEN, & Co. direct special attention to the supply of lamp oils of the highest quality; and in this department a prominent feature is made of their "Sans Odeur Fluid" (registered), the perfection of mineral oil, and specially adapted for use in drawing-rooms and dining-rooms, country churches, etc., where absolute freedom from smell is of great importance. The admirable qualities of this oil have been attested by the eminent City analyst, Sir Charles Cameron, ex-President of R.C.S.I., whose report is emphatically in favour of the "Sans Odeur" as an illuminating agent, the superior brilliancy of the light derived from it, and its freedom from risks of explosion. The other departments of the business include all kinds of toilet brushes, household and stable requisites, and a long list of useful sundries, which the limits of our space preclude us quoting. A widespread and influential *clientèle* has been established by the firm, who hold the Royal Warrant of Appointment of wax chandlers to the Queen in Ireland and His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant; and Messrs. LAMBERT, BRIEN, & Co. have also on their books the names of the principal members of the nobility, clergy, and landed gentry in the country.

## BROWN, THOMAS, &amp; CO.,

Linen Drapers, Silk Mercers, Costume and Mantle Makers, Milliners, Lacemen, Hosiers,  
Glovers, and General Outfitters, Grafton and Duke Streets, Dublin.

IN indicating for the purposes of this work the principal features of commercial activity in Dublin our work would be incomplete without prominent recognition of the claims of Messrs. BROWN, THOMAS, & CO., Silk Mercers, Linen Drapers, &c., to be considered pre-eminently the leading house in their respective lines in the City. The history of the establishment dates back half a century ago, when it was founded by the

limits of our space to do anything like adequate justice to the infinite variety of elegant and artistic novelties presented for inspection in the several departments, which may be said to include all that is beautiful and fashionable connected with the *entourage* of the fairer portion of mankind, and we must, therefore, be content with briefly outlining the leading features of the extensive assortment of high-class goods for which the house



firm whose title it still bears. The premises are very extensive, and form one of the most striking architectural features of Grafton Street, the numerous plate-glass windows presenting, with their attractive exhibition of goods, a *recherche* appearance perfectly in harmony with the high-class character of the establishment. The interior is of large dimensions, extending one hundred and fifty yards through to Duke Street, in which there is another entrance, and affording in its commodious accommodation ample space for the magnificent showrooms and sale departments of the establishment. It would be impossible within the

has long been famous. A premier position must certainly be assigned to the magnificent stock of Irish Linens, Poplins, Laces, and Balbriggan Hosiery held by the firm, which is unsurpassed in extent and variety by any house in the City, and which has been for years past a paramount attraction to visitors from all parts of the world desirous of carrying away *souvenirs* of their stay in the form of these beautiful and justly celebrated productions of native industry. Other departments contain the latest *modes* in costumes, mantles, jackets, &c., orders for which are executed on the premises by a numerous staff of expert hands in the most fashionable



styles, equalling in every detail the leading productions of the principal Parisian houses. Messrs. BROWN, THOMAS, & Co. have established a world-wide *clientèle*, extending to all parts of the British Colonies, America, and India; and even to places so remote as Australia their fame has penetrated as supplying a distinctively superior class of goods unsurpassed in quality by any house in the kingdom. A total number of 300 assis-

tants are employed in the various departments of this establishment under the personal supervision of the principal, whose extensive experience and high administrative abilities, in conjunction with the highly qualified staff maintained, have successfully combined in preserving the time-honoured prestige and well-defined supremacy of this old-established and justly popular business house.

### M. GLOVER'S PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERIES,

"Continental Studios," 124, Stephen's Green, Dublin.

ALL the advanced stages of artistic portraiture in photography are represented in the operations of M. GLOVER, of Dublin, whose galleries at Stephen's Green present a fine illustration of the completeness to which modern first-class studios have attained. It is only some ten years since M. GLOVER commenced business, and within that period his work has obtained a wide and well-deserved recognition, not only from the general public but also from art critics and connoisseurs. M. GLOVER's exhibit, or series of exhibits, at the Irish Exhibition held some years ago in London received favourable notice from the entire Press, attention being specially directed to a beautiful idealistic study of a child in the nude, reclining in a shell and tossed on the waves, styled appropriately "A Young Nautilus." This, together with representations of "Juliet and Nurse" and "Poor Joe," was exhibited to show the possibilities of art portraiture in the hands of a skilful photographer. At the present time there are nowhere to be found more perfect examples of the realisation of this endeavour than in the galleries of Stephen's Green, so well known as M. GLOVER's Studios. Enlargements from smaller photographs are an important branch of the proprietor's business and compare favourably with his direct large portraits. In the production of M. GLOVER's enlargements he uses a vertical adaptation with improvements of his own at once novel and ingenious. Special attention is here given to outdoor photography, and we were much struck with a photograph of 110 clergymen of the Methodist Conference, taken on 18×15 space, in which each individual is a well-executed likeness. The theatrical world largely patronize M. GLOVER, as his recognition of the pose essential to any given character seems to be almost an intuition, and in the examples shown us we were impressed by the easy grace and softness of tone that characterized them all; in fact, we can say the same for the various crayons and porcelains that adorn the reception rooms and approaches. M. GLOVER's studios, we understand, are largely patronized by the ladies of the Irish metropolis and their visitors, who seldom fail to inspect the galleries of Stephen's Green, which now are recognised as an essential feature in this most fashionable centre, overlooking, as they do, the picturesque lake and its surrounding walks and grassy lawns. The dressing rooms' and ladies' boudoirs of this establishment are models of elegance and are provided with all the acces-

sories for a comfortable toilet—a matter of the highest importance in view of a successful portrait. In the studios themselves the same attention to the comfort of clients is observed, and all the operations are performed under the subdued light of a patent plate glass of highly refractive power, specially manufactured for M. GLOVER. The studios are spanned by a curved iron roof, and the arrangement of the blinds and screens is unique, being in three different methods in the three planes of light admitted to the sitter. It is needless to add that an abundance of rustic and drawing-room accessories are to hand, and backgrounds suited to every requirement, landscapes, seascapes, indoor, plain, etc. Similar features of completeness pervade the several departments in which retouching, printing, toning, enamelling, mounting, and finishing are carried on, separate apartments being devoted to each and the utmost care taken in the execution of the work by an intelligent staff of trained hands under a competent superintendent in each division, thus ensuring as near an approach to perfection as is well possible. Oil painting is done by M. GLOVER, and is treated as such a branch requires, the minor detail of framing not being neglected. Among the staff of M. GLOVER's artists we found his two daughters, whose inborn aptitude and executive talent have contributed not a little to the high repute and influential status of the business. The views here enunciated are and have been, corroborated by, the authoritative testimony of all the leading Irish representative journals.

On a second visit to these galleries we found that considerable alterations and improvements had been made by the addition of a large appointment studio and two fine new boudoirs. A new enamelling room has just been erected to meet the increased demand for this class of work, which we were surprised to hear has in M. GLOVER's studios been adopted for some time in the instance of every photograph sent out by the house. In connection with this interest we were shown a drying chamber, constructed on an entirely new principle, which is pronounced a decided improvement. In a word, no expense has been spared to render this one of the finest establishments of its kind not only in Dublin but in the three kingdoms, in proof of which we may mention that from front to rear the galleries extend a length of 140 feet, and this on the drawing-room floor—a great convenience for invalids or aged persons. M. GLOVER intends to complete his atelier by the speedy introduction of the electric light in all departments.

## ST. STEPHEN'S PARK (FIRST-CLASS) TEMPERANCE HOTEL,

102 and 103, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S PARK (FIRST-CLASS) TEMPERANCE HOTEL was established in 1880 by T. W. Russell, Esq., M.P., with a view to meeting a want long felt by a large and ever-increasing section of the community, viz., those desirous of sharing the privileges of a first-class family hotel, while deprecating the unpleasant conditions which sojourn at a licensed hostelry very frequently involves. So greatly did Mr. Russell's experiment succeed that by the summer of 1881 the demand for accommodation far exceeded the capacity of the establishment, and it was deemed expedient to build a new wing and to purchase and associate the adjoining premises. The original establishment once formed the town residence of Sir Henry Barron, the representative of Waterford in the old Irish Parliament. On entering the ST. STEPHEN'S PARK HOTEL the visitor is at once impressed with the aspect of taste and elegance everywhere conveyed. Among other apartments there are here various private sitting-rooms, handsome public drawing-rooms, and large coffee and dining-room, all

luxuriously furnished in the best possible taste. There are no fewer than thirty bedrooms, about each one of which there are pleasing suggestions of superior appointment and scrupulous cleanliness. Great care is devoted to the details of heating and lighting, and nothing could surpass the perfect nature of the sanitation throughout the establishment. The *cuisine* is excellent, while the charges, considering the high-class character of the accommodation afforded, can only be pronounced moderate in the extreme. Of the proprietor little need here be said, inasmuch as he has established for himself an almost cosmopolitan reputation as a temperance advocate and reformer, a philanthropist, and a parliamentary debater of the first order. The domestic arrangements of the establishment are under the close supervision of Mrs. Home, than whom it would be difficult to conceive a more considerate hostess. We do not hesitate to pronounce the ST. STEPHEN'S PARK TEMPERANCE HOTEL the most perfectly conducted establishment of its kind we have yet visited in the British Empire.

## O'REILLY, DUNNE, &amp; CO.,

The Royal Poplin Manufactory, 30, College Green, Dublin.

THE manufacture of poplins and silks was, as is well known, introduced into both England and Ireland by the Huguenot refugees who fled from France on the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. In 1685, 50,000 silk weavers are said to have established themselves and their trade in Spitalfields. In 1693, a section of these exiles arrived in Dublin and founded what has since become the "Irish Poplin" trade. Since that time the trade has been subject to many and great fluctuations; at one time 3,000 looms gave employment to 10,000 workers, while at another time it shrank to insignificant proportions. The firm of O'REILLY, DUNNE, & Co. has been connected with the trade for over a century. Their manufacture is noted over the world for its excellence, a fact which is confirmed by their receiving orders from distant parts of America, Australia, and Africa, while even France and Germany, though so closely connected with the silk trade themselves, not infrequently send orders for poplin dresses to Dublin. In this connection the foreign Parcel Post has been of great service to the Irish poplin manufacturers; a poplin dress can now be sent for as small a cost to the chief cities of the world as fifty years ago it would have taken to send the same to London. Messrs. O'REILLY, DUNNE, & Co. offer to send a single dress carriage paid anywhere the Parcel Post exists.

The manufacture of poplin is carried on by hand work instead of steam power. The first stage is the washing and dyeing of the raw silk; the second is the winding of the silk threads from the skein to the bobbin; and the third is the warping to the length required for a

piece which is usually 80 or 100 yards. The warp is then put into the loom and the weaving effected by the throwing of the shoot, called the weft, containing pure wool on the silk warp. The texture thus formed is the famous Irish poplin. The durability of O'REILLY, DUNNE, & Co.'s make of Irish poplin is due to the extra fine quality of the silk and wool used, and especially to the fact of no artificial weighting being used in the dyeing. In the case of cheap foreign silks the raw silk is so much weighted that a pound of it will come back from the dyers weighing twice as much, but, in the case of silk dyed for Irish poplin, not only is there no artificial weighting added, but the silk will come back so purified that the pound of raw silk will have been reduced to 12ozs. of the dyed. Hence it is that Messrs. O'REILLY, DUNNE, AND Co. guarantee the durability of their manufacture, and that it will neither grease nor cut. Messrs. O'REILLY, DUNNE, AND Co. have from time to time been honoured with orders from Royalty, the last being for the trousseau of the Duchess of Fife, when the Princess of Wales selected four dresses from their stock. Their manager, Mr. M. J. Short, more than half a century ago packed a parcel to be forwarded to the then Princess Victoria. A new feature of the business is the manufacture of poplin scarves for gentlemen in all the best designs and shades. This department of their business has been very prosperous. Gentlemen often say they are the best scarves they have ever had. As the premises of the firm are most centrally situated in College Green, visitors to Dublin should call and examine the various textures for themselves.



**JOHNSTON, MOONEY, & O'BRIEN, LTD.,**

**Fancy Bread and Biscuit Bakers to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Balls' Bridge Bakery, 7 and 8, Leinster Street; and Concliffe Flour Mills, Jones' Road, Dublin.**

THERE are few branches of productive industry in which greater progress or more marked improvements have been made in recent years than the various processes of bread-making, in which mechanical art has to a great extent, if not entirely, superseded the ancient manipulative methods of hand labour with which were associated so many objectionable features both from hygienic and sanitary points of view. In connection with this subject we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers the important commercial and industrial combination successfully trading in Dublin under the style of Messrs. JOHNSTON, MOONEY, AND O'BRIEN, LTD., Fancy Bread and Biscuit Bakers, &c., of the Balls' Bridge and Leinster Street Bakeries, and Concliffe Flour Mills, which form three separate establishments controlled by this firm, of which Mr. Mooney is the managing director. The Balls' Bridge Bakery is of very old standing, having been originally established by Mr. Johnston in 1846, and in 1886 was entirely rebuilt and enlarged with all the most recent modern improvements. The ground area occupied by the bakery exceeds four acres in extent, on which are erected the necessary buildings, comprising extensive retail bread shop and fine suite of offices, including counting house, cashier's office, telephone department, lavatory, and every modern convenience for a business of this character. A wide gateway gives admission to the despatching department, which extends along the back of the offices a distance of 100 feet by 50 feet wide, arched with a glass roof, and in which are packed the vans, about fifty in number, daily engaged in the delivery of bread in the City. Adjoining this portion of the establishment are the large bread stores, which are fitted with numerous racks and trays for this purpose, and in which the various qualities of bread are stocked ready for delivery. The bakery is an immense building measuring 150 feet by 80 feet and partially covered with a lofty glass roof, providing ample accommodation for the various operative processes of the trade and replete with the latest improved plant and appliances designed by mechanical ingenuity.

The ovens, thirty-seven in number, are constructed on the most modern principles, and with their white glazed brick fronts impart an appearance of lightness and cleanliness to the department. Above the bakery is the machine room, in which are four large dough-making machines, and over this is the flour store, from which the machines are supplied by shoots.

The bakery and confectionery establishment at 7 and 8, Leinster Street, was originally established many years ago by Mr. O'Brien, father of the present principal of that name. The building is of handsome and attractive proportions with fine plate-glass frontage, the windows being divided by polished granite columns surmounted by a richly decorated corner façade of considerable architectural beauty of design. The interior of the establishment is very elegantly appointed, the walls being inlaid with handsome mirrors, and at the rear is a finely fitted restaurant with richly carved mahogany counters, granite top tables, luxuriously upholstered seats, and every provision for the comfort and convenience of visitors. Here may be inspected a tempting display of artistically designed bride cakes, beautifully ornamented, and a wide selection of high-class specimens of the pastry cook's and confectioner's skill in great variety and of unsurpassed excellence of quality. The bakery attached to these premises is also an extensive one and laid down on a similar scale of completeness to that above described at Ball's Bridge.

The Concliffe Flour Mills are situated at Jones' Road and were acquired by Mr. Mooney in 1883, since when they have been entirely re-modelled, the old system of grinding with stones having been superseded by the "Roller" system, increasing the capacity of the mills to a productive output of 13,000 sacks of flour per week.

The three businesses to which we have given this brief sketch were amalgamated in 1889, and have since that date enjoyed an almost phenomenal success, giving employment to a large number of hands in the various departments and supplying an immense wholesale and retail connection throughout Dublin and the neighbouring districts.

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**P. SHAW, Military and Merchant Tailor,  
13, Dawson Street, Dublin.**

IT is to be expected that a great centre of fashion such as Dublin, should possess various high class outfitting establishments for both sexes which would compare favourably with any in the world. *Inter alia* the tailoring house of Mr. PATRICK SHAW, in the fashionable thoroughfare of Dawson Street, may be cited as an excellent example of this class and one that has held for a considerable number of years the highest position in the trade. Founded by Mr. SHAW a quarter of a century ago, the business is still carried on under his expert personal direction, especially the cutting

department. The establishment has an attractive exterior, and displays in its interior appointments all the tasteful and elegant characteristics of a high-class modern tailoring concern. We need hardly say that a fine range of fabrics is maintained. The clients of the house include patrons from Government and official circles, military men, the gentry and nobility, and a great number of the members of the legal profession. About forty hands are employed. Mr. SHAW is famous for style and fit, and personally deserves the credit of the enviable reputation which his skill has won for this high-class concern.

## WEST &amp; SON,

Diamond Merchants, Goldsmiths, Jewellers, Silversmiths, Electroplaters, Watchmakers  
(by special appointments to Her Majesty the Queen, the Irish Courts,  
and the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick),

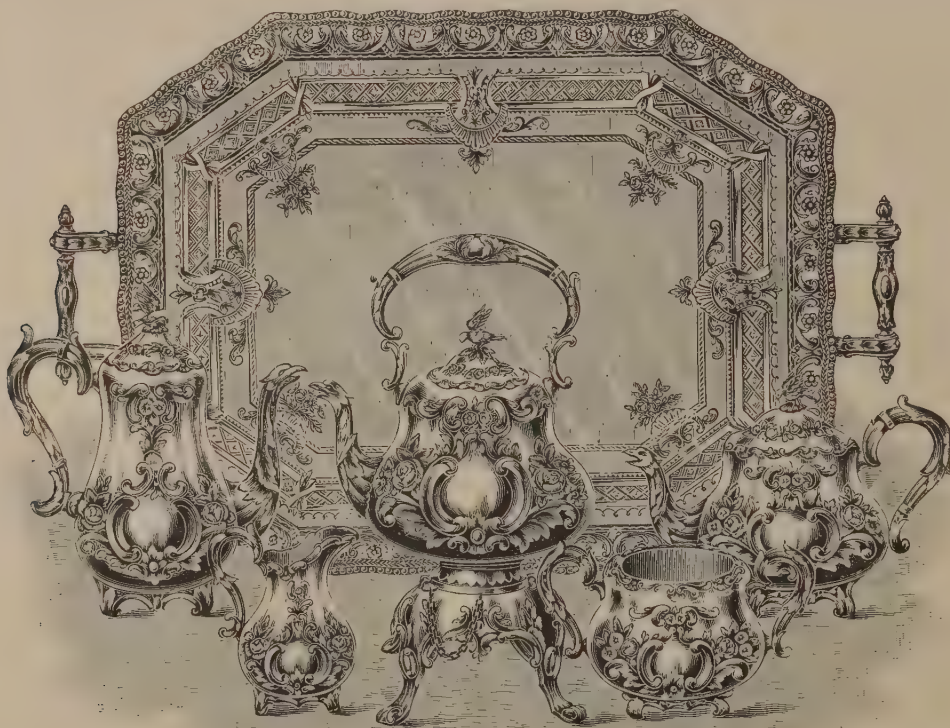
18 and 19, College Green, Dublin. *Telegraphic Address*—"DIAMONDS, DUBLIN." *Telephone No.* 528.

THIS celebrated house, which was founded early in the last century by Matthew West, of Skinner's Row, and holds Royal Appointments for over 100 years, now occupies extensive premises, built expressly for the business in 1845, in College Green, where the solid cut granite front presents a most imposing appearance, while the splendid showrooms—which have lately been remodelled at an outlay of some thousands of pounds—are magnificently fitted up, the ebonized and plate-glass cases and counters having been specially designed for the attractive display of the choice and valuable

and to this is due the fact that so many public presentations have been entrusted to the firm, one of the last and most important being the silver cradle presented to the Lady Mayoress by the citizens of Dublin.

Celtic jewellery forms a special feature of its manufactures, including both copies of antiques and original designs of its own, many of which are made of Wicklow gold and set with fine specimens of Irish pearls.

Although of late Messrs. WEST have revised, and very considerably reduced, the prices of all their goods, with the view of giving the best possible value for cash



stock. In every department purchasers may feel confident of finding an ample selection to choose from; but perhaps Messrs. WEST are most celebrated for their stocks of diamond ornaments, gem rings, presentation plate, and antique silver, which are, undoubtedly, the finest in the country.

To a great extent the various items of the stock are, of necessity, imported, but whenever it is possible to make the goods in Dublin—such as diamond ornaments and silver plate—home manufacture is well represented,

payments, yet the same rule of keeping nothing but first-class goods is still rigidly adhered to; indeed, the fact of any article having been purchased from them is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence.

As a proof that the firm—which is under the personal management of Mr. L. A. West, Master of the Goldsmiths' Hall—intends to keep well abreast of the times, we may mention that it has just published the largest and finest illustrated catalogue ever issued by any jewellers and silversmiths in the United Kingdom.



**THE ARTESIAN MINERAL WATER COMPANY, LIMITED,**  
**Rutland Square, Dublin.**

THERE are few more striking indications of the radical changes which have been effected in popular taste within the past few years than are afforded by the successful development of the mineral water trade, and the manufacture of beverages of a similar character, in all our great centres of population. In this connection the Metropolis of Ireland is well served by the DUBLIN ARTESIAN MINERAL WATER COMPANY, whose extensive works in Rutland Square we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our subscribers. This Company was founded a few years ago in order to acquire the business, originally founded by the late Mr. Henry Holohan, T.C., and with a strong directorate, which includes such well-known names as Timothy Harrington, M.P., B.L., Alderman Burke, Gerald Mooney, Esq. (Managing Director of Messrs. Mooney & Co., Limited, Dublin and London), Thomas Davy, Esq., and J. F. Dickson, Esq., has already secured a very substantial and rapidly increasing measure of commercial success. The Company's factory in Rutland Square occupies a peculiarly advantageous site (from the salubrity of the atmosphere and its position on rising ground) for a business of this character, and when we add that an Artesian Well, providing an inexhaustible supply of water of matchless purity, has been sunk at a considerable expenditure, our readers will readily understand that the Company stands second to none in the capacity of its resources for the production of high-class mineral waters.

The works are of great extent, and comprise two sections running the entire length from Rutland Square to Rutland Place. To the right is the chemists' laboratory—the kernel of the business—fitted round with white marble, presenting an appearance of spotless cleanliness, and perfectly lighted, so that any cloudiness or deficiency may be at once detected in the preparation of the ingredients. These are of the purest description, and all syrups and other materials used in the waters manufactured by the Company are prepared under the personal supervision of a practical chemist, whose services are retained for this purpose. To the rear of the laboratory is the long storeroom, in which the various waters—Special Soda, Ginger-ale, Lemonade, Artesian,

in fifty large bins, which contain about 500 dozens each. Potass, Seltzer, Lithia, Tonic Belles, etc.—are stocked

Next in order is the bottling room, amply equipped with twelve or fourteen bottling machines of the newest and most improved type, all of which are of Irish manufacture, and we may here remark that the Company have throughout—wherever possible—given every encouragement to Irish industry by the employment of native labour, an example which might be followed to advantage by every branch of trade in the country. In the centre of the left-hand aisle runs a cistern along its whole length in which the bottles are washed, a process which is carried out with the most scrupulous care and strict attention to cleanliness, so vitally necessary to secure perfection in this class of productions. At the Rutland Place end of the works is the checking office, in which all goods are checked in and out by a system so perfect that it would be quite impossible for a single bottle, or even a cork, to go astray. The leading speciality produced by the firm is their celebrated Aromatic Ginger-ale, a beverage which for purity, flavour, and invigorating qualities is quite unrivalled in the trade; and, from the sample submitted to us for approval, is in every respect equal to the much-vaunted and over-advertised productions of other firms in the City. A splendid home and export trade has been already established by the ARTESIAN COMPANY, who number on their books a widespread *clientèle* of the leading nobility, clergy, and gentry in the City and its environs; and the rapid expansion of their export trade may be indicated by the fact that the firm are about to acquire additional accommodation shortly, for the extension of their facilities in this direction. A large number of hands are employed in the several departments of the works, and numerous well-horsed and appointed vans are engaged in the distribution of goods throughout the district, the whole arrangements of the management in the hands of the courteous Managing Director, Mr. J. F. Dickson, evidencing in every detail the practical ability and administrative capacity with which the affairs of the Company are controlled, and which have contributed to the conspicuous success achieved by this deservedly prosperous undertaking.

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**J. HEENEY, Jewellery Case Manufacturer, 6 and 7, William Street, Dublin.**

AN important branch of productive industry is represented in Dublin by Mr. J. HEENEY, jewellery case manufacturer, etc., a brief outline of whose extensive business will doubtless prove of interest to our readers. This was originally established in 1862 by Messrs. A. Kirkpatrick and Co., of Glasgow, and was subsequently acquired in 1883 by the present proprietor, who has since that date greatly extended and developed the business. The premises are centrally situated at 6 and 7, William Street, and comprise large work and store-rooms with well-appointed office and the usual order department and other conveniences for the trade. The productions of the establishment embrace every descrip-

tion of jewellery cases in the best qualities of material and workmanship and elegant designs for photographic frames, plaques, mirrors, etc., in plush and velvet, many of these articles being of the most costly and artistic character. Mr. HEENEY also manufactures cardboard boxes, and undertakes the repair of all kinds of leather, travellers', and other cases. A numerous staff of first-class male and female hands find constant employment in the establishment under the sole personal supervision of the principal, whose thoroughly practical knowledge of every detail of the trade ensures the highest efficiency in the management of this justly successful and ably-directed business house.

## THE DUBLIN LAUNDRY CO., LIMITED.

THOMAS EDMONDSON, *Managing Director*, Milltown, Co. Dublin.

THE progressive development of every branch of domestic industry within recent years is in no sense more apparent than in the operations of laundry work, in which the various processes of cleansing and purifying by mechanical means and appliances have now reached a stage of perfection little short of marvellous as compared with the crude and often wasteful methods prevailing a generation back. This beneficial improvement is very amply exemplified by a visit of inspection to the great establishment of the DUBLIN LAUNDRY CO., LIMITED, whose extensive works at Milltown, County Dublin, we were, through the courtesy of Mr. Thomas Edmondson, the Managing Director of the Company, privileged to visit a short time since. The history of this highly-successful undertaking dates back to 1888, when the Company was formed, under the above title, to extend the working of the modern laundry system in Dublin and its suburbs; and, by enlisting the aid of plant and machinery of the most modern and improved type, the proprietors have succeeded in establishing within this comparatively brief period what it is no misnomer to style the "Best equipped public laundry in Ireland," as well as being the largest business of the kind in the country. The premises of the Company are conveniently situated at Milltown, a position unequalled in its facilities, being near to the City and yet almost as much in the country as if it were 50 miles away. The establishment was previously occupied as a flour mill, and has, since it came into the possession of the Company, undergone complete reconstruction in order to adapt it to the purposes of the business. The buildings include lofty and spacious washhouse fitted with the latest machinery; a splendid ironing room, for table and bed linen, 60ft. long and 20ft. high, forming an airy and healthful workroom; two other ironing rooms, each 40ft. by 30ft., for shirts and body linen; together with extensive drying-rooms, so ventilated by a powerful fan

as to almost equal in freshness open-air drying, which in suitable weather is also largely availed of. The machinery consists of three large Decoudun ironers, 9ft. wide, specially provided for extra-size dinner cloths, which, thus treated, receive a high gloss and lie perfectly flat on the table. There are also several of Bradford's patent mangles, eight powerful washing machines, boiling and rinsing troughs with hot and cold water, two large hydro-extractors, and other improved appliances for expediting the work in the several departments. The machinery is driven in part by a splendid 30-horse-power engine of Messrs. Tangye's make, with boiler 18ft. by 5ft. 6in., fitted with patent stoker, and in part by water power. A staff of 140 hands is employed in the various departments, and some indication of the magnitude of the Company's operations may be gleaned from the average weekly number of shirts turned out from the laundry, amounting to the enormous aggregate of 2,800, in addition to the other branches of the business, the whole forming an immense total of goods. Special attention is directed to the perfection of the sanitary arrangements and drainage, and an unlimited supply of water affords every convenience both for motive power and washing purposes. The establishment is admirably managed in every detail, the oversight including the skilled supervision of the managing director, Mr. Thomas Edmondson, who has had upwards of twenty years' practical experience of the trade, and has also visited many of the leading laundries in Great Britain and the United States, this gentleman being ably seconded in the duties of administration by departmental manageresses of great experience and ability. A well-organised series of van deliveries has been arranged for the daily collection and delivery of parcels of linen throughout Dublin and the outlying districts, and all communications from patrons at a distance by post or telegram receive the prompt and careful attention of the management.

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F. & M. ENGLISH, Fruit Merchants and Florists,  
3, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin.

ONE of the most attractive establishments in Lower Baggot Street is that of Messrs. F. & M. ENGLISH, Fruit Merchants and Florists, to which we have pleasure in inviting the attention of our readers. This business was commenced in 1887 by the present proprietors, and has been very successfully developed by the energy and enterprise displayed in the management. The premises, situated in the commanding position indicated above, comprise handsome and conveniently adapted shop having a bold frontage to the street, with handsome plate-glass window effectively arranged with a choice assortment of home and foreign-grown fruit, flowers, and vegetables in season. The interior of the establishment is of spacious proportions and nicely appointed with every convenience for the

display of the high-class stock. Here may be inspected a beautiful selection of cut flowers for table and other decorative purposes, elegant bridal bouquets of exotic and home-grown blooms, wreaths and crosses, and other floral devices, which may be obtained to order. They also display the largest stock and most attractive variety of palms, ferns, and blooming plants for sale and decorative purposes of any we have noticed in the City. A widespread and influential connection has been established by the firm, who number on their books many of the principal nobility, civil and military notabilities, leading judges and lights of the bar, and resident gentry in the City and surrounding districts, whose support has been secured by the uniformly high standard of quality of the produce supplied by Messrs. ENGLISH.



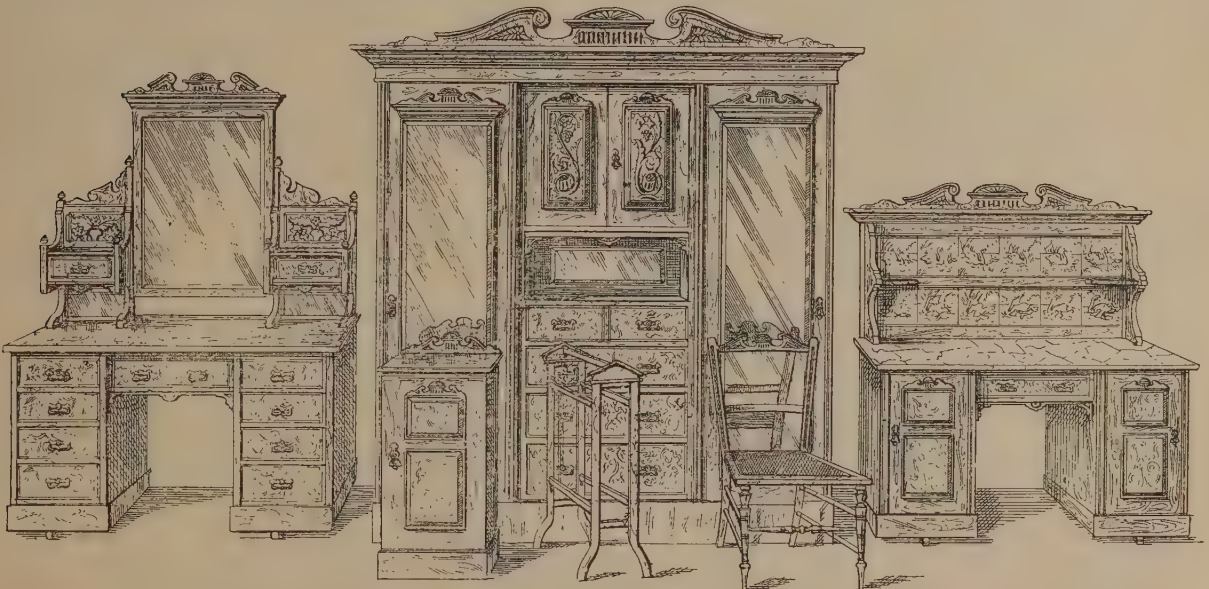
JAMES HILL, Manufacturing Cabinet Maker, House Furnisher, Upholsterer, Bedding

Manufacturer, Auctioneer and Valuer, 11 and 12, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

THIS old-established and extensive furniture concern was originally founded by the late Mr. William Young over half a century ago, the premises being previously used as a Circus, and were then re-modelled and fitted for the purposes of the business; and in later years the present owner, Mr. JAMES HILL, in order to bring it up to the requirements of modern times has, at very considerable outlay, made extensive additions and improvements so that it might take a foremost position amongst the leading furniture establishments of the kingdom, which it is eminently entitled to do from its central position, being situated on Bachelor's Walk (11 and 12), the great centre of the furniture trade

The upper floors are principally laid out with a magnificent collection of inlaid rosewood, walnut, and other woods, Japanese and Oriental goods in large variety. Also a large wareroom is appropriated to a very choice selected stock of massive brass and brass-mounted iron beds in the Italian and French styles; there are also some specialities in bedsteads mounted with mother-of-pearl enrichments. The Longford celebrated galvanized steel spring mattresses are shown here, for which, by the way, Mr. HILL is sole agent, this being the only mattress guaranteed not to stretch or rust.

Mr. HILL, who is ably assisted by his sons in



SPECIMEN OR SKETCH OF BEDROOM SUITE MADE IN MR. JAMES HILL'S FACTORY,  
11 AND 12, BACHELOR'S WALK, DUBLIN.

in the City, having a fine range of plate-glass windows for show purposes, and also, from its great size, containing about 40,000 square feet of floor space.

The ground floor being very large has a fine display in walnut, mahogany, and oak of modern and early English styles in dining-room, hall, and bedroom suites; sideboards, overmantels, dinner wagons, etc.; and also a *recherché* display of heavily carved oak, after the antique, in sideboards, bookcases, tables, etc., suitable for the mansions of the nobility and gentry. There is also on this floor a very fine selection of American roll top desks, so much prized for their admirable locking arrangement, by which the entire desk and drawers are locked by the simple drawing down of the roll top, thereby saving a considerable amount of trouble and worry in locking each drawer separately.

the conducting of the business, specially aims at sending out a superior class of goods at moderate prices, and, to enable him to do this, has timber stores and large workshops at the rear of his premises in the Lotts, with an efficient staff of cabinet makers, upholsterers, and polishers constantly employed.

There is also attached to these concerns an extensive auction room, approached by a separate entrance, for the reception of all classes of property for sale by auction; old furniture, pianofortes, plate, pictures, china, works of art, articles of vertu, and household effects. Mr. HILL undertakes *bonâ fide* sales in private houses, also house and landed property, and makes valuations for probate, transfer and succession duties, and is prepared, when preferred, to buy for prompt cash and take all risk of auction himself.

## CITY OF DUBLIN STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

Offices: 15, Eden Quay, Dublin.

AMONGST the improved facilities now available for travellers and tourists to and from Ireland, special distinction must be assigned to those provided by the CITY OF DUBLIN STEAM PACKET COMPANY, whose splendid fleet of mail packets and ocean-going steamers is unrivalled, in superiority of accommodation and speed, by any other line in the kingdom. This Company was originally established in 1823, and ten years afterwards received its charter of incorporation. The directorate of the Company includes Sir E. H. Hudson-Kinshan, Bart., William Watson, Esq., Thomas P. Cairnes, Esq., J.P., William Robertson, Esq., E. Watson, Esq., and Michael Murphy, Esq., J.P., with W. Watson, Esq., and E. Watson, Esq., as managing directors, and W. R. Lee, Esq., secretary. The routes covered by the Company's service include Dublin and London *via* Kingstown and Holyhead, a sea passage of only three hours and a half by the fine mail packet boats, the "Leinster," "Ulster," "Munster," "Connaught," and "Ireland" sailing twice daily with mails and passengers. Between Dublin and Liverpool the Company carries cargo and passengers in its fast and powerful steamers, which include the "Galway," a new boat built on the most approved lines for this service; "Meath," "Cavan," "Leitrim," "Longford," "Mayo," "Mullingar," "Kildare," "St. Patrick," etc., sailing daily from North Wall, and making the return from the Clarence Dock, Liverpool, each day, Sundays excepted in both journeys. The Company also runs a boat to Belfast, carrying cargo and passengers on Wednesdays and Thursdays. During the tourist season additional accommodation is provided for passengers desirous of exploring the natural beauties of Ireland, every facility being offered to visitors at exceedingly low rates. The arrangements for the ensuing season are of the most

complete character, the Company having introduced many innovations and improvements in order to render the service of the utmost utility to the public. Amongst other changes may be noted through communication between Kingstown and the interior of Ireland, the Company having arranged to run through lavatory carriages of the most improved construction, lighted by electricity, to and from Carlisle Pier, Kingstown, in connection with the night mail packets and the Great Northern Railway Co's., Ltd., mail trains, so that passengers can now avoid the expense and inconvenience of a journey through the streets of Dublin. A carriage is also run from Carlisle Pier to Amiens Street in connection with the day mail packet and the Great Northern Railway Company's evening trains to Belfast, etc. The Postmaster-General has also sanctioned a passenger carriage being attached to the trains conveying the morning and evening mails from Kingstown to Dublin, and through booked passengers, with small amounts of luggage, wishing to proceed from Kingsbridge and Broadstone Stations, may travel in this carriage from Kingstown, providing the mails are not delayed. A complete service of trains is now run between Kingstown and Amiens Street Stations in connection with the Great Northern Main Line and Howth trains. Arrangements are being made with the Gt. S. & W. Railway to run similar carriages between Queenstown, Cork, and Kingstown. It is hoped that in a very short time the Southern and American mails and passengers will have equally good facilities as the North. The offices of the Company are situated at 15, Eden Quay, Dublin, with branches at 17, Water Street, Liverpool; Holyhead (Captain Cay, R.N., agent); Belfast, 41, Donegal Quay; and Limerick (Mr. W. G. Sibthorp, agent), where every information may be obtained as to the hours of sailing and passenger and freightage rates.

## WHITE &amp; SCHOPPERLE,

Goldsmiths; Watch, Clock, and Jewellery Manufacturers; 33, Grafton Street, Dublin.

AMONG the centres of fashion and interest which adorn Grafton Street, none surpasses the fine establishment of the above firm. Founded in 1826 by Mr. Topham, who afterwards assumed Mr. White as partner, for forty years—that is to say till 1884—the firm was known as Topham and White. Then the present firm succeeded, Mr. Alfred White and Mr. Charles Schöpplerle forming its *personnel*.

Their premises occupy a most eligible position in the great central thoroughfare, and consist of a handsome corner block, with four attractively-set-out windows to the main shop. The firm, covering in its operations the whole ground of the trade, can afford, both inside and outside, to make a most varied and comprehensive display. Brilliant in antique and modern designs; gold and silver plate for use and ornament; plated ware, in superb settings, for every purpose; gold and silver

chronometers; clocks in the most artistic and valuable casings; jewellery; fine-cased cutlery and table services; engraved and embossed work; gold and plaited hair chains; and a hundred and one similar items go to make up a display worthy of the oldest firm of goldsmiths in Grafton Street and one of the most distinguished in the trade. On the executive side the firm undertakes all kinds of work in gold and silver, plating, resetting, and general timepiece repairs.

MESSRS. WHITE & SCHÖPPERLE personally direct everything and spare no effort to give satisfaction to their patrons. The connection, we need hardly say, is as high-class and representative as the business is old and eminent, and seems unaffected by the changes of the times or the competition of younger houses. Both partners are esteemed in the trade and respected and trusted by their large and influential *clientèle*.



## WALLER &amp; CO.,

Stationers, Engravers, Lithographers, Letterpress Printers, Diesinkers, and Heraldic Artists,  
20, Suffolk Street, Dublin.

Of the several branches of art and industry in which Dublin has attained a place of conspicuous merit, engraving, diesinking, and artistic printing may be worthily placed in the first rank, while the lengthy and prosperous character of these trades, and the skill with which they have been advanced, find substantial emphasis and endorsement in the operations of such eminent undertakings as that of Messrs. WALLER & Co. This old-established and well-known house has long been the accredited leader of the branch of work it continues to exemplify. Its existence covers the extensive space of nearly a hundred years, and the career of the firm has been from the first one of progressive and uninterrupted advancement. The house is one of the few established concerns which, while alive to the improvements of modern times, has creditably sustained the genuine and meritorious phases of old engraving art; and in steel and copper engraving the firm continues to be identified with the very highest attainments. Indeed, Messrs. WALLER are regarded as specialists in engraving; and, with a purely artistic aim always in view, have endeavoured to elevate the work of steel and copperplate reproduction to a standard more suggestive of art than mere handiwork. With their success in this direction the present brief sketch need only deal in general terms, for the renown of the house is one that is beyond the influences of modern competition, and requires no form of penned endorsement. Messrs. WALLER are largely called upon to produce high-class engraving in copper and steel, and this they accomplish with the skill of a firm possessing all the resources which a first-class modern plant and the employment of superior artists can be expected to ensure. It is generally conceded that they lead their Irish contemporaries in the beauty, taste, and finish of the work they illustrate; and, having a familiarity with difficult work—born of many years' assiduous study and experience—they are enabled to reproduce with minute exactitude all the most intricate phases of high-class engraving that can possibly be submitted to their treatment. During our visit to the establishment we were afforded the pleasure of examining some very fine specimens of engraving, from the ordinary visiting card plate, numbering thousands, down to the large and unwieldy sheets of copper which are used for the certificates of such institutions as the Royal College of Surgeons, the Incorporated Law Society, Trinity College, the Masonic Body, &c., and included in the collection are some beautifully executed plates for the share certificates of the leading Limited Liability Companies in the country, while special mention should be made of a large lot bearing the coats of arms of nearly every family of any note in Ireland. We venture to say there is not such a collection of plates—all of them hand-wrought—in any other private establishment in the kingdom outside London.

In the associate operations of diesinking and lithographic and letterpress printing, they have established

a high-class reputation for superior work, which will compare with that of any other house in their line of business.

The works, adjoining the firm's establishment in Suffolk Street, have been comparatively recently erected, and for this reason embody every improved form of mechanical equipment tending to accelerate the industry engaged in, and to place the house on a thoroughly modern and complete basis. To those unacquainted with the technical merits of the splendid range of machinery with which the works are appointed throughout, there are at least many evidences of careful management and organisation, and—apart from the numerical strength of the employes—there are everywhere presented impressions of capability and resource quite exceptional, and well calculated to maintain the smoothness and rapidity of the whole work upon which the extensive and growing trade of the house brings to bear a great daily strain.

Messrs. WALLER & Co. possess a distinct and unique advantage over very many competitors in the fact that the members of the firm are practical men, and take a thoroughly practical part in the working of the concern. In Mr. Henry Kirkwood they have one who worthily maintains the high reputation which his family have achieved in the exposition of the engraving art. He is the representative of the fourth generation of a family who have made themselves famous as engravers; and their fame is not confined to Dublin, but is known in the trade throughout the world. The printing department is under the supervision of another member of the firm, Mr. Charles Sully, who has graduated from an apprentice in the establishment, and understands the working of a printing office in every branch. His practical knowledge here finds ample play, and the firm reaps a great advantage thereby. The other proprietor, Mr. Joseph C. Brister, devotes his time to the commercial working of the concern, and superintends the business as a whole. He has had the advantage of a thoroughly good business training, and is credited with the possession of a high standard of intelligence. With all these elements present it is not to be wondered at that the business runs like clock-work, and in such circumstances success is always assured.

Messrs. WALLER introduce many novel and attractive features in the production of ball programmes, menu cards, concert programmes, marriage and invitation cards, &c., and they are noted for the variety of style and unconventionality of the designs, most of which originate with the firm themselves. As embossers and plain, colour, and illuminating stampers, Messrs. WALLER enter upon a class of work in which they have hitherto acquired a special distinction, and, in this respect, no firm displays greater taste or ability, or a more correct knowledge of the essentials of chromatic harmony.

In the purely commercial class of printing the firm possess a name for superior work which is second to

none in Ireland. Every description of printing necessary in the counting house is to be found here in course of daily execution, from the ordinary business card to a detailed and elaborate catalogue, all fine examples of that high-class work which has almost reduced printing to a fine art.

Transacting as stationers, Messrs. WALLER deal largely in providing for mercantile and private connections. They maintain exhaustive and diversified assortments of stationery goods useful for a wide range of purposes, and their front establishment at the above address affords a most interesting insight into the

varieties with which their stock is at all times replete. The establishment is appointed on a scale which is highly creditable to the firm's artistic taste. The various fittings are of polished wood, and the neat disposition of cathedral glass fittings greatly enhances the otherwise effective appearance of the interior. The entire house presents many impressions of care and orderliness, and the busy transactions of which it is the centre are controlled in a manner satisfactory to the firm's widespead *clientèle*, and exemplary of the first-rate business methods observed by the three partners who constitute the proprietary.

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### WAYTE BROS., Cycle Engineers and Agents,

Lemon Street, Dublin.

THE extraordinary development within recent years of every branch of cycling, both as a pastime and for commercial purposes, has opened up a wide field of industrial enterprise of considerable importance from a commercial standpoint, and which shows a steadily-increasing tendency. Amongst the more recent additions to this department of trade may be indicated the firm of Messrs. WAYTE BROS., Cycle Engineers and Agents, whose establishment in Lemon Street, opened within the last twelve months, has already made rapid progress in public favour, and affords substantial evidence of achieving in the immediate future a very distinctive success. The premises occupied by the firm comprise large warehouse and office with extensive workshops in the rear, the whole being very conveniently arranged for the operations of the business in the several departments. In the showroom will be

found a splendid display of high-class bicycles, tricycles, and safeties of the celebrated makes of the Westminster Cycle Co., the Flying Wheel made by the Fulwell Cycle Co., and other 1st grade cycles; and here also may be inspected the leading speciality of the firm—pneumatic ordinary bicycles. These machines have already made a very favourable impression on the votaries of the wheel, and have been supplied with the greatest satisfaction to the leading riders in the country. Messrs. WAYTE also undertake in the works all kinds of repairs, alteration, and re-fitting machines with the new tyres, a staff of skilful workmen being employed for this purpose. The business is thoroughly successful, and is conducted with marked ability under the practical supervision of the principals, who are unsparing in their efforts to give the utmost satisfaction to the numerous circle of patrons they have already secured.

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### KEAN & CO., Dublin Re-Tinning Works,

48, Townsend Street, Dublin.

AMONGST the most important of our leading metal-working industries is that represented by Messrs. KEAN AND CO., Coppersmiths and Tinsmiths, proprietors of the Dublin Re-Tinning Works, 48, Townsend Street, Dublin, to which we have pleasure in directing the attention of our readers. The business was established by Messrs. KEAN in 1888, and has—thanks to the energy and enterprise of its management—rapidly assumed its present successful proportions. The works in Townsend Street comprise conveniently arranged premises erected a short time ago with a special view to their occupation for this business, having office in the front of the building with warehouse and extensive workshops in the rear. The various departments are fully equipped with the most improved plants and appliances for facilitating

the several processes of production, and a staff of experienced hands is constantly employed in the works. The leading features of the operations of the firm include the Re-tinning, with Pure Refined Tin, of all kinds of Copper Cooking Utensils and other vessels of this metal, on the shortest notice, at very moderate prices; re-tinning butchers' hooks, a process which had never previously been effected by the trade in Dublin until introduced by Messrs. KEAN; and the brazing-in of new bottoms for copper ware is a speciality with this firm. A very successful and widespread business has been established by the firm throughout the City, and by their prompt and skilful execution of all orders entrusted to them Messrs. KEAN have secured the well-founded confidence and support of the trade in all parts of the country.



## PHŒNIX PARK DISTILLERY, Dublin.

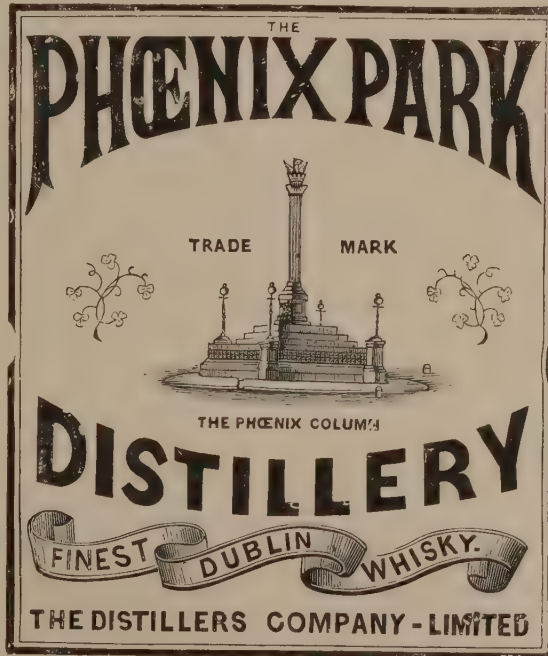
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IN reviewing the principal representative houses engaged in this important branch of productive industry, for which Ireland possesses a pre-eminent reputation in the markets of the world, our work would be incomplete without prominent recognition of the distinctive claims of the PHŒNIX PARK DISTILLERY to a premier position in this branch of commercial enterprise. The history of the business dates back to its establishment by the proprietors, the Distillers Company, Limited, whose headquarters were situated at Torphichen Street, Edinburgh, in 1878, since which period the undertaking has been conducted with steadily continuous success. The PHŒNIX PARK DISTILLERY is situated at Chapelizod, an old-fashioned village, on the bank of the Liffey, remarkable for its picturesque surroundings, and within two miles of the City, which is reached by steam trams, which pass the entrance of the establishment. A fine gateway entrance gives admission to the Distillery, a well appointed suite of clerks' and general offices, with manager's private room, being situated in this portion of the premises, the buildings forming the Distillery proper being arranged as a square. First in order are the immense grain stores, consisting of a range of buildings 90 feet long by 40 feet wide, containing nine lofts capable of holding 12,000 quarters of barley, etc. The kilns, three in number, are of spacious proportions, and, after being dried by means of hot air, the malt is conveyed across the yard to the extensive maltings, containing three floors, each of which is 110 feet long by 60 feet wide. At the rear of this building are erected new malthouses, covering an area nearly an acre in extent, in which a lofty kiln has been constructed, on the latest principles, with patent iron floor. From the malthouse the grain is conveyed by two wide continuous belts, traversing the whole length of the building, to the mill, where it is delivered into a hopper, and after being ground is weighed into bags and deposited in the grist loft adjoining. Under this loft is the mash house containing several large vessels 30 feet in diameter and 9 feet deep, into which the grist is deposited through a hopper. From the mash tuns the wort descends into the two underbacks placed under the floor, whilst the grains which are left behind are pumped into a huge tank and afterwards disposed of

to the dairymen in the neighbourhood. Ascending a stone staircase the visitor is next introduced to the back loft, a spacious apartment 140 feet square, which is furnished with twelve wash-backs—immense vessels each with a capacity of 18,000 gallons—into which the wort is pumped through one of Morton's refrigerators by means of a powerful 3-throw pump at the rate of 10,000 gallons per hour. From the backs the fermented wort, now technically described as "cold wash," runs into the wash chargers which are arranged to deliver the liquor directly into the still, a vessel holding the enormous quantity of 18,000 gallons. After undergoing the processes of distillation and condensing, the liquor is run into the low wines and feint receiver, from which it

is transferred to the still-house. This is a fine building of handsome proportions, fitted with the most modern and improved plant and appliances, including four large pot stills having a receptive capacity of 5,000, 11,000, 12,000, and 18,000 gallons, all of which are heated by furnaces, no steam being employed in the Distillery, which derives ample motive force from the Liffey, this being supplied by a huge water wheel 70 feet in breadth and 18 feet in diameter, reputed to be the largest in the kingdom. Next in order is the receiving room, which contains the safe and ten large receivers, and adjoining this is the spirit stores provided with two vats, each holding 16,000 gallons of perfected spirit. There are six boarded warehouses, affording accommodation for 16,000 casks, which are under the supervision of seven excise

officers and in addition there are racking stores, cooperage, smithy, and carpenter's shop. The Distillery is lighted throughout by electricity, supplied by Elwell-Parker's dynamos driven by water power, and the whole of the mechanical resources of the establishment are of the most perfect and complete character. About 60 hands are employed in the several departments. The products of the Distillery are held in well-sustained estimation in the principal home and colonial markets, and the brand of Dublin whiskies supplied by the firm enjoys a wide reputation for its superior standard of excellent quality, a fact sufficiently emphasized by the aggregate of the annual output, which reaches the enormous total of 350,000 gallons.



## M. ROWAN &amp; CO.,

Seed and Manure Merchants, Corn and Malt Factors, 51 and 52, Capel Street, Dublin.

THE important commercial position occupied by the Irish Metropolis as a great distributive centre for the whole of Ireland, and especially for the staple agricultural industries, is well illustrated by the above well-known and highly reputed firm. Established three years back by Mr. M. Rowan, ably assisted by his brother, Mr. Peter Rowan, the present capable and experienced proprietors, the house has gradually extended its operations to all parts of the country. The business, which is carried on in several departments, is facilitated greatly by the accommodation afforded by the large premises of the firm, consisting of four flats, with an excellent frontage of thirty feet and a rear extent of two hundred and fifty feet. The shop to the front is fitted with large double windows, and serves for sale and samples, in connection therewith being the usual public and private offices. The remainder offers unlimited storage space, to the rear being the necessary stabling. As seed merchants Messrs. M. ROWAN & Co. offer the finest selections in agricultural, vegetable, and flower seeds, perfectly fresh and clean, and representing the specialities of the best home and continental growers. Their collection of vegetable seeds is almost worthy of being described as unique, their repertory of flower seeds complete, and their range of agricultural seeds unexcelled. Among the latter we notice their famous grass seeds; turnip, mangold, carrot, and cabbage seeds; their pedigree seed

grain; imported seed potatoes, grown especially for seed; their clover and permanent grass seeds; and Dutch and Riga flax seeds of the finest brands. The percentage of growth of all these is of the highest, and the sources from which they are derived the most reputed. Messrs. M. ROWAN & Co. are also large dealers in chemical fertilizers for special cropping or general use, and carry on a great business in this department by means of local agents in agricultural centres. But their relations with the farming world of Ireland do not end here. They supply various farm and farmyard machinery of the most improved type, amongst which the food preparing machinery of Messrs. R. & F. Keane, of Cappogain, Ireland, deserves special mention. This firm, too, are no less favourably known in the Corn Exchange, where their stand is No. 79, and control a valuable business as corn and malt factors, many of the grain raisers of Ireland preferring to consign direct to them for sale to taking the chance of the local market. It will thus be evident that Messrs. ROWAN do not allow the grass to grow under their feet, though they endeavour to "make two blades of grass grow where one grew before." All departments in their complete organization and steady increase of business reflect his directing energy and enterprise, while the sound and unspeculative principles adopted promise a long and prosperous career to this noteworthy concern.

## T. COGHLAN, Billiard Table Maker, 41, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

THIS business, which has steadily continued to increase in importance and reputation, was founded by Mr. T. COGHLAN, the present owner, in Camden Street, twelve years ago, and was removed, some three years back, to the larger and more commodious premises now occupied in Harcourt Street. The office is at the entrance to the large yard, the showroom and workshops being situated in the buildings to the rear.



In the former, which occupies the ground floor, may be seen several superb samples of Mr. COGHLAN'S billiard tables, together with their accessories, so that the visitor has a good opportunity of making acquaintance with their special features. The framing is massive, solid, and steady and of good design and finish. A much-approved novelty, in the form of a Registered Automatic Screw Adjustment, is fitted, providing what is at once a simple and perfect means of levelling the tables and a long-desiderated improvement. The bed is of the best Welsh slate-covered, with superior West-of-England billiard cloth, and fitted

with Mr. COGHLAN'S X. L. extra low fast india-rubber cushions, not liable to harden in a low temperature, noiseless, and perfect in truth of angle. Altogether these tables have no superior in any point, and in many are admittedly unequalled. Bagatelle tables are also made, and balls, marking boards, racks, cues, rests, seats, and the various appointments of the public or private billiard-room. We might cite numerous testimonials from professional players, clubs, hotels, public billiard-rooms, and others in favour of Mr. COGHLAN'S tables, in respect of which a general consensus of opinion of a very flattering kind has been unstintingly given. The workshops, where the tables and their paraphernalia are made, are over the showroom, and have every modern appliance for the manufacture. Mr. COGHLAN fits up billiard-rooms (public or private) complete on the fairest terms. All kinds of repairs or alterations are also undertaken and promptly carried out. Among the many testimonies to the superiority of Mr. COGHLAN'S tables we note, in conclusion, that he was awarded the Certificate of Merit of the Dublin Exhibition of 1882 and the First Prize Medal of the Cork Exhibition, 1883. Those requiring more specific information will be supplied on application to the above address.



**JOHN SMYTH & SONS, Mediæval and Italian Metal Workers in Gold and Silver,  
Electroplaters, Gilders, &c., - 17, Wicklow Street, Dublin.**

FOR the lengthened period of upwards of half a century past the eminent firm of Messrs. JOHN SMYTH AND SONS, artists in metal, wood, and stone; manufacturers of articles for ecclesiastical, civic, and domestic purposes, etc., has sustained a unique reputation for the artistic superiority of the productions of the house, which are in every respect worthy of the best traditions of Irish industry. The history of the firm dates back to 1840, when the business was founded by the late Mr. John Smyth, who was subsequently joined in the proprietary by his three sons, now the sole representatives, viz., Messrs. John, Thomas, and Francis, who continue the trade under the style indicated above. The premises occupied by Messrs. SMYTH comprise commodious warehouse and showroom at 17, Wicklow Street, and extensive factory at 1, 2, 3, and 4, Wicklow Lane. The showrooms are of spacious proportions and well fitted throughout and are conveniently adapted for the effective exhibition of the wide range of beautiful and artistic goods submitted for inspection. These include chastely designed chalices, ciboriums, monstrances, thuribles, candlesticks, and other altar decorations; and ecclesiastical accessories in gold, silver, and metal, many of these articles being faithful reproductions of designs in mediæval art-work of the earlier schools. Messrs. SMYTH'S works in Wicklow Lane are replete with modern plant and machinery for producing in perfection the specialities for which the firm is noted. A powerful Crossley's "Otto" gas engine, of 14 h.p., supplies the motive force to the various machines,

amongst which may be mentioned a Root's blower for facilitating the process of metal melting and providing draught for the casting furnace. Large vats, for the electroplating and gilding, are constantly kept going to supply the requirements of this branch of the trade, and some indication of the magnitude of the operations of the proprietors is afforded by the fact that upwards of 5,000 ounces of silver and many tons of brass and other alloys are annually used in the manufactory. We also were shown a department specially fitted up for the repair and re-lacquering of church brass work, to which the firm give particular attention. An extensive and valuable *clientèle* has been established by the firm, which embraces in its widespread connection the leading Catholic clergy in Ireland and other parts of the kingdom, the uniform excellence of design and finished workmanship in these artistic productions having demonstrated to the principal ecclesiastical authorities in the country that their requirements may be fulfilled with equal facility and native industry fostered and encouraged by their placing their orders with this house. In conclusion we would refer our readers to a very beautiful and artistically-got-up price list, issued by Messrs. SMYTH, containing many pages of illustrations of their leading specialities in ecclesiastical requisites, which will be found of invaluable service to the clergy in districts remote from Dublin, and who have consequently no opportunity of inspecting the comprehensive and valuable stock on view in the showrooms of the firm.

**MITCHELL, ARNOTT, & CO.,**

**Room-paper Manufacturers, 18 and 19, Upper Sackville Street, Dublin.**

THE above-named eminent firm of paper-hanging material merchants and art decorators occupies one of the most influential positions in connection with the trade and industry of the kingdom. In the manufacture of wall papers the firm has held a pre-eminent position for a period of more than half a century. The business was originally established at Golborne in Lancashire, and has developed to such vast proportions that at the present time branch establishments exist in many of the principal towns of the United Kingdom. The Dublin warehouse was opened about 20 years ago, since which time a magnificent connection has been established throughout the South and West of Ireland. The Dublin premises are situate in one of the finest thoroughfares of Europe, and the lofty and spacious frontage does credit to the street. Number 19 is devoted to the trade in pictures, prints, engravings, oleographs, and fancy pictures in great variety. The trade in room papers and decorative material is conducted in Number 18, the two warehouses forming a most extensive emporium. These handsome shops and showrooms exhibit many interesting examples of the materials now used for purposes of interior decoration. Beautiful specimens of decorations are displayed, as well as a stock of wall

papers in almost endless variety of patterns. Among the many different kinds of embossed material for wall covering which have now become so much in vogue, there are to be seen, in various designs and colourings, Lincrusta Walton, Tynecastle Tapestry, Anaglypta, etc., etc. At rear of the premises and in the basement are stores for stock and materials, large supplies of which are always on hand. The business is thoroughly comprehensive within the limits of its particular operations. The firm also carries on a large and ever-increasing trade in the manufacture of picture frames. Here thousands and thousands of gilt, oak, and carved frames are annually manufactured and despatched to all parts of Great Britain. The firm's trade is widespread throughout the kingdom, and the confidence and support are retained of many old and valued customers. For promptness, punctuality, precision, and all those business qualities which spell commercial success, the firm stands second to none in the British Empire. It is a pleasure to include so ably administered and so prosperous an establishment as is that of Messrs. MITCHELL, ARNOTT, & COMPANY among those representative firms which exemplify the industrial prosperity and well-being of Ireland's metropolitan City.

## THOMPSON'S STEAM POWER CUTLERY WORKS, 9, Nassau Street, Dublin.

As a centre of cutlery manufacture, Dublin has attained some considerable noteworthiness through the operations of the eminent and old-established house to



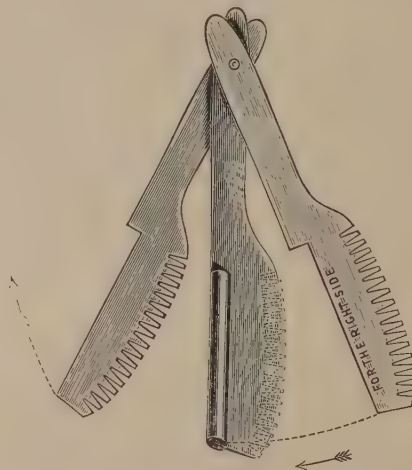
which the present brief sketch is devoted. The business has been in existence since the year 1780, and the high name the firm have acquired in association with the production of superior cutlery is already more than adequately

endorsed in the several prize medals and awards of which they have been the recipients during so long and successful a trading and industrial career. The principal departments of the house are table cutlery, electroplate razors, scissors, pocket and sporting knives, surgical and veterinary instruments, and of everything falling within the miscellany of the high-class cutler's trade. Their table cutlery embraces various meritorious items in dinner and breakfast knives, round-of-beef knives and forks, carvers (head, foot, side, and game), all of which they make from what is known in the trade as *double shear steel*, for which the house maintain a celebrity extending back as far as the last century, and for which they have received several prizes. In electroplated goods they have introduced many excellent specialities in everything that is used at dinner, breakfast, tea, and supper. The re-plating of forks, spoons, &c., equal to new, is a notable branch of the firm's work, and for the accurate repair of everything in the cutlery trade—embracing the re-blading of ivory-handled dinner and breakfast knives and carvers, guards of forks repaired, grinding and polishing of knives, scissors, razors, surgical instruments, &c.—they possess at the present time a plant which fully illustrates the perfection of sound mechanical equipment. The machinery is propelled by steam, and the entire practical resources of the house are such as to ensure the rapid execution of every class of work upon which they engage. The old historic establishment, dating back from 1780, stands on the exact site of St. Patrick's Well. This busy centre of high-class cutlery trade holds the Royal Warrant appointing HENRY THOMPSON Cutler to Her Majesty the Queen in Ireland, and the trade is supported by connections, most of whom are of long-established standing and whose influence and appreciative esteem the firm have gained by attentiveness and liberality.

The principal (who is a thorough practical man, having worked at the bench in Sheffield, and can make any article of cutlery he sells) devotes at the present time constant and assiduous interest to the requirements of customers, and the concern, under his supervision, maintains an undiminished renown and *prestige* which must be expected to entitle it to favourable notice in any work treating upon Dublin's representative industries. 2880

We may add that the well-known and widely demanded speciality so much in use among gentlemen, and called THOMPSON'S Electric Razor Strop Paste, is manufactured by this firm, and is upon the toilet table of everyone who can appreciate the keen edge it imparts to the razor and its eminent usefulness and value as an indispensable shaving requisite. 2880

The patent double-guard razor up to date is the latest speciality of the old firm, 9, Nassau Street.



This razor will be a real boon to the invalid, to the old, and to the young; a child can use it without the slightest danger; it can be used in the left or right hand with or without the guard; it will shave cleaner than any other razor, owing to its construction, and is made of the best material. Price 3/2 per post. Gentlemen who find a difficulty in getting razors properly sharpened should send them to THOMPSON'S, 9, Nassau Street, near Kildare Street.

## THE IRISH FEATHER COMPANY, LTD.,

Feather, Skin, and Metal Merchants, 18—20, Tara Street, Dublin.

THE above Limited Company, which has been recently established, carries on very extensive operations in feathers, hides, skins, brass, copper, lead, etc., and does a large export trade in these goods, and particularly in "raw" feathers. The Company's premises consist of a capacious warehouse of four storeys of large frontage and considerable rear extension, and have every facility for the operations of a business of this description.

Very heavy stocks are always on hand, and the firm has command of the best Irish sources of supply. Many hands and a large number of horses and vans are engaged in the routine work of the concern. The firm has already control of a business of the first order, and has plainly a prosperous career before it. The secretary of the Company is Mr. J. Culhane, an excellent business man, in whose hands the interests of the concern are certain to be well attended to.



## CAMPBELL, ACHNACH, &amp; CO.,

Waterproof and India-rubber Manufacturers, 11, Crow Street, Dublin; and Thistle Rubber Works, Commerce Street, Glasgow.

THE branch of manufacturing industry represented in the operations of the great firm whose title stands at the head of this review is one that within the past quarter of a century has received an almost unparalleled development. *Caoutchouc*, or India-rubber, has become one of the prime factors of modern economy, and in its manifold adaptations it admirably serves in developing the arts, the sciences, and domestic conveniences in a multiplicity of phases which the intelligent reader will not be slow to appreciate. Pre-eminent among the Dublin firms engaged in the pursuance of this important and indispensable branch of industrial activity must be mentioned the firm of Messrs. CAMPBELL, ACHNACH, AND CO., under whose auspices the manufacture of every description of waterproof and India-rubber has been brought to a degree of perfection never hitherto attained. Messrs. CAMPBELL, ACHNACH, AND CO.'s premises in the Irish metropolis are commodious and in every respect well appointed, but, if the reader would fully realize the extent of the firm's gigantic operations, he must visit the extensive *emporium* in Glasgow, where the famous "Thistle" Brand—Messrs. CAMPBELL, ACHNACH, AND CO.'s speciality—will be found represented in a thousand diversified forms. These wholesale warehouses, situate at 108, Argyle Street, and Jamaica Street, Glasgow, are

elegantly fitted up, thoroughly equipped, and heavily stocked, the sale departments being at all times under the most careful supervision. The Thistle Rubber Mills in Commerce Street, Glasgow, form at once an architectural feature of the City and the centre of industrial operations, the productions of which ramify through "all the corners of the round world." By the aid of no fewer than 250 hands the raw material is here converted into the manufactured article, and both in the construction and equipment of the works there are abundant evidences that nothing has been omitted by the firm that could administer to the comfort or happiness of the employes. The *personnel* of the firm is made up of two gentlemen of conspicuous energy and commercial ability. The house, under their capable administration, has developed branches not only in Dublin but also in London (2, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall Street, and 26, Aldermanbury), Montreal (214, St. James Street), and New York (104, Princes Street), and Lombard Buildings, Queen Street, Melbourne. In Messrs. Geo. Campbell and William Achnach imperial commerce possesses representatives eminently calculated not only to enlarge its boundaries but also to reflect the highest credit upon that branch of trade and industry in which the house of CAMPBELL, ACHNACH, AND CO. ranks as a representative institution.

## EDMUND SHARP,

Ecclesiastical and Architectural Sculptor, 180, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

BOTH by reason of its ecclesiastical surroundings and the artistic influence that is brought to bear upon the tastes of an educated and appreciative community, Dublin enjoys the reputation of a first centre of the sculptural and monumental art.

The prevalence of the sculptor's trade is perhaps one of that City's most notable commercial features, and it finds eminent representation and owes a large share of its present high and elevated standard to such houses as that of which the above-named is an interesting and worthy example. Mr. EDMUND SHARP, ecclesiastical and architectural sculptor, was for many years partner in the late firm of Pearce & Sharp, and during that period the firm gained the first prize medal for marble work awarded by the judges at the Dublin Exhibition of 1882. Since commencing business for himself, Mr. SHARP has developed an influential and extensive connection throughout the length and breadth of the land; and, by a system of scrupulous personal supervision of all the operations of his staff of from twenty to thirty skilled artists, is enabled to overtake, with precision and promptitude, all the various undertakings submitted to his artistic treatment. The various artists and tradesmen employed are all experts in their special lines of work, and the skilful manner in which they accomplish the whole operations of the business

will be apparent to any who have the privilege of surveying the practical details of the establishment in Great Brunswick Street, where there exist admirable facilities for the elaboration of groups, statues, and carvings, and the execution of ecclesiastical work in marble and stone.

The premises are in the classic style, and are exemplary in every respect of first-class carving work. From the neat twenty-feet frontage, the establishment extends rearwards over a stretch of 140 feet, and permits of a perfect departmental arrangement into workshops, showrooms, offices, and other accessories. The proprietor holds himself in readiness to overtake the most pressing or urgent commissions which the constant increase of his business tends to impose. His handiwork and special proficiency in the reproduction of unconventional designs are so well known as to render further comment within the concise limits of this brief sketch unnecessary, beyond mentioning that the firm make a speciality of altars, pulpits, statues, communion rails, reredos, and fonts. During the year 1891 Mr. SHARP executed eleven marble altars, besides several statues, groups, etc., and it need only be added that his business may be readily accepted as a creditable representative of that art and profession which has so notably contributed to the "Cathedral City's" distinction and precedence in the domain of high-class sculpture.

**JOHN McDONNELL & CO., LIMITED,**

Swiftbrook Mills, Saggart, Co. Dublin.

City Warehouse: 8, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin.

Telephone No. 498.

THERE are few persons in the paper trade unacquainted with the Swiftbrook Mills at Saggart, in County Dublin, with their antiquity and standing in the paper manufacturing industry, or with the unexceptional excellence of all the various papers with which the name of the mills has come to be widely identified. The operations of the Swiftbrook Mills have covered almost the entire span of a century, having been founded in 1795 by Mr. John McDonnell, and sustained with vigorous enterprise during every development of commerce and throughout the several stages of trade-depression by which Ireland has from time to time been visited during the past 96 years. The founder was succeeded by his son, by whom the business was carried on until his death in the year 1863. Thereafter, it was continued by his executor until so recently as in 1880, when it changed hands, and a year later became organised on a limited liability basis under the managing directorship of Mr. John Girdwood Drury, and bearing the firm title of Messrs. JOHN McDONNELL & Co., LTD. The mills possess an especial interest in respect that they are located on the property bequeathed by Dean Swift for the purpose of maintaining the endowment of St. Patrick's Hospital or Lunatic Asylum. They have one of the largest water wheels in existence, an interesting and somewhat remarkable object of the picturesque and mountainous locality through which the Camac River that supplies the mills flows. The firm possess additional water resources at Brittas, on the borders of the counties of Dublin and Wicklow, and these artificial lakes are made available when the River is low. The village of Saggart is almost entirely populated by the employees of Messrs. JOHN McDONNELL & Co., a circumstance substantiated by the fact that there are no other mills within measurable distance of Saggart, and that Messrs. McDONNELL's works are thus

the main source of occupation and support for the local residents.

Of the group of structures that form the mills, and are readily distinguishable by their lofty chimney stalk, it is impossible to convey, within present limits, any adequate description. For the same reason it is obviously beyond the scope and surview of this brief sketch to enumerate the many ingenious forms of modern plant that have been introduced into the firm's powerful mechanical service. The firm have in every department improved upon old methods, but that only so far as necessary to extend their capabilities of production, and so far also as consistent with the preservation of those systems of manufacture that have made their papers a first-class marketable commodity for the greater part of a hundred years. The firm maintain a distinct and recognised superiority in certain lines, notably in papers for mercantile use, and of these the best known, perhaps, is "Swiftbrook Extra Strong" Azure Laid account book papers, which have remained a speciality of the house for at least half a century. As a firm retaining the confidence of the trade by the absolute efficiency and merit of their productions, Messrs. JOHN McDONNELL & Co., LIMITED, present an instance of a house whose longevity and distinction can be traced to their adherence to a uniform standard of excellence in everything they make and supply. The enterprise under which the mills have been controlled from first to last finds at least one notable example in the firm being among the first to introduce into Ireland the "Fourdrinier" machine, which has proved so valuable an adjunct of paper-making industry; and their progressive recognition among representative Irish houses is denoted in their attainment of prize medals at each of the following Exhibitions:— Dublin, 1855; Dublin, 1882; Cork, 1883; and Liverpool, 1887.

**D. POIROTTE & SON,**

Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's Boot and Shoe Importers, 12, Suffolk Street, Dublin.

THE artistic temperament of the French, and, above all, their capacity to embody their ideas in concrete forms, is as visible in their unequalled make of boots and shoes as it is in their literary and dressmaking achievements. A glance at the ranges of French-made foot-gear to be seen at the above address will enlighten anyone ignorant of the fact; but such an inspection is not generally necessary. The Poirotte family have long held an unique position in Dublin as high-class importers of the best French-made goods in this line—the founder of the business settling there over half-a-century ago. The business afterwards passed to his son, whose decease recently left it the property of his widow, by whom it is now carried on. The exterior of the premises is rendered noticeable by a large show window displaying

the triumphs of the shoemakers' art; and the pleasing effect is not dispelled on entering the spacious shop with its handsome cases running from floor to ceiling and packed to repletion. To the rear of the shop is another saloon, and above are the workshops. Pinets and other French makes are the specialities of the house, which is purely a fashionable one, catering for the highest class of customers. The business has long enjoyed, indeed, an enviable eminence, and has lost nothing of its commanding position under Madame Poirotte's ownership. *Bien ganté et bien chaussé* have been held to be two marks of gentility; for the latter of these, at any rate, the above establishment has made ample provision, and can assure satisfactory fitting for the most fastidious of its clients.

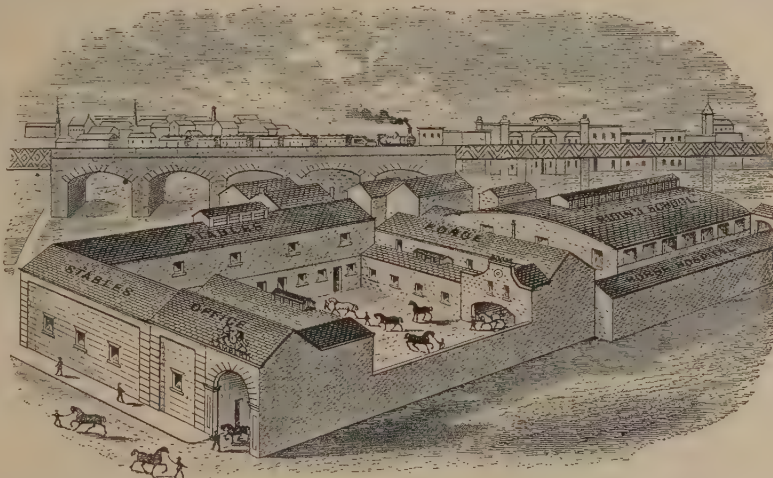


**T. D. LAMBERT, Veterinary Surgeon,**

Store Street and South Richmond Street, Dublin.

THERE are few branches of professional skill which assume greater importance in a community in which equine labour is indispensable than that so efficiently represented by Mr. T. D. LAMBERT, F.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Surgeon, whose extensive practice in the City of Dublin fully entitles this gentleman to prominent attention in these reviews. This gentleman commenced

operations in Store Street about 1879, having previously carried on business in William Street for ten years, the premises at this address comprising a spacious and conveniently arranged block of buildings covering over 2,000 square yards of ground, on which are erected at the entrance a well-appointed suite of offices surmounted by the Royal Coat of Arms, surgery, etc., together with extensive range of stables fitted throughout in modern style, forge, and large riding school of lofty proportions, with gallery for spectators, the dimensions of this portion of the building being 70 feet by 40 feet. There is also an infirmary for sick horses and ample space for exercise in the wide yard in the centre. Mr. LAMBERT has recently erected a fine new establishment in South Richmond



Street, which presents an attractive exterior to that thoroughfare, and is constructed on similarly efficient lines of completeness to the Store Street Infirmary and Forge. A very extensive and widespread *clientèle* has been established by Mr. Lambert, who numbers amongst other important engagements the office of Veterinary Surgeon to the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland,

and is Veterinary Referee at the Royal Dublin Society's National Annual Horse Show, and the London and North Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, Midland and Great Western, Great Southern and Western, and other railway companies, and many other public bodies, and large horse owners in the City and its environs. Mr. LAMBERT was also appointed an ex-

aminer of the Queen's Premium Thoroughbred Stallions by the Royal Commission on Horse-breeding at the London Show (Islington) in 1890 and 1892. His private address is Mount Anthony, Rathmines, which is connected by telephone with his other establishments and the Central Exchange, No. 549, rendering his services available on emergency at any time.

**M. & C. M. FITZ-HENRY,**

Ladies' Mercers, 3, Grafton Street, Dublin.

OUR lady readers will be interested by a visit of inspection to the well-known establishment conducted by the Misses M. and C. M. FITZ-HENRY, Ladies' Mercers, whose popular emporium at No. 3, Grafton Street, deservedly claims the attention of visitors to the City. The business was established in Waterford in 1862, and was subsequently removed to the more central position now occupied at the above address about six years ago. The premises in Grafton Street are of handsome and commodious proportions, comprising large single-fronted shop with fine plate-glass window, in which is displayed a well-selected assortment of new season's novelties in ladies' mercery, etc. The interior is of spacious dimensions, extending a considerable distance to the rear, and is effectively lighted from

the roof. The stock in the various departments includes the most superior qualities of ladies' underclothing, hosiery, gloves, laces, ribbons, feathers, and general merceries in all the latest and most fashionable styles. These goods have been selected with consummate taste and judgment from the best English and continental markets, and are uniformly of the most superior material and finish, specially designed to meet the requirements of a high-class trade of this character. The services of a numerous staff of assistants and trained workpeople are employed in the establishment under the practical supervision of the lady principals, whose courteous attention to their wide circle of influential patrons has secured for them the most gratifying support and an ever-increasing measure of well-merited commercial success.

**FITZGERALD & CO.,**

Rectifying Distillers, Whisky and Wine Merchants, 20, Westland Row, Dublin.

THE above-mentioned representative house holds a position of very considerable eminence in its association with the wholesale wine and spirit trade of the Irish Metropolis. The business was founded originally in 1868. The house occupies a distinguished status in the branches of commerce with which it is allied, the business proportions having attained to a magnitude that cannot adequately be described within the limits of the present sketch. The premises, which are of considerable extent, have been arranged and equipped in a manner befitting the importance of the industry and trade to which they are devoted. It would be idle to attempt a survey of these premises in their many and varied departmental phases. The space at our disposal allows only of a brief review of MESSRS. FITZGERALD & CO.'S active business operations as relating to the world of commerce

generally. The firm stand in a position to supply the choicest class of goods, and have developed a number of specialities of high commercial value and repute. Their Ginger Wine is unrivalled and is held in high esteem all over the United Kingdom, and the same may be said of all their cordials and liqueurs, of which they are amongst the largest manufacturers in the kingdom. There is an immense stock of wines, spirits, liqueurs, &c., and the firm are in an eminent position to execute the largest wholesale orders with the utmost promptitude. The trade controlled extends over a large portion of the United Kingdom, the house being universally recognized as among the most distinguished of its kind in the Metropolis, the name of MESSRS. FITZGERALD & CO. being a guarantee of the genuine character and excellent quality of any class or description of vinous or spirituous goods with which it is associated.

**FARRELL & SON, Glasnevin Marble Works, Dublin.**

AMONGST the leading firms engaged in this branch of artistic production in Dublin, distinctive recognition must be assigned to the old-established trade now conducted under the style of MESSRS. FARRELL & SON, of the Glasnevin Marble Works, which was founded under the above-named title in 1834, and has since been acquired by the present sole proprietor, Mr. Peter J. Hynes, trading in the name of the original founders of the business. The premises, which are the largest in Ireland of this character, are conveniently situated near the historical cemetery from which the works derive their title, and comprise spacious show yard, with a frontage of 100 feet to Glasnevin Road, and extending in the rear a distance of 300 feet, affording ample accommodation for the working of the several departments. The premises contain offices, workshops, polishing shops, etc., very conveniently arranged, and in which may be inspected

the various operative processes of stone and marble cutting and other branches of the stoneworker's art, in which a staff of between twenty and thirty skilled and competent employes is engaged. The establishment offers for inspection a splendid range of artistic stone work in Irish limestone, marble, granite, and other materials, in elegant designs for tombs, monuments, headstones, crosses, mural and memorial tablets, and mortuary emblems and devices of every description, many of which are richly carved with exquisite taste, and others beautiful in their classic simplicity. A widespread and influential *clientèle* has long been established in connection with the business, the firm having for years enjoyed a distinctive reputation for the superior excellence of their productions, of which specimens are to be seen in every cemetery in Ireland, many in distant lands, and by the thousand in Glasnevin.

**JAMES FLYNN & SON,**

Skin, Wool, and Leather Works, Fellmongers, etc., 49, Watling Street, Dublin.

THIS extensive business was established upwards of half a century ago by the grandfather of the present proprietor, Mr. James Flynn, trading under the title of MESSRS. JAMES FLYNN AND SON as fellmongers, skin, wool, and leather workers, at 49, Watling Street, Dublin, and which has for many years past been recognised as the leading representative house engaged in this branch of commercial enterprise in Ireland. The premises in Watling Street are of commodious extent, comprising large yard, about one hundred feet square, providing accommodation for the requirements of the trade, including

ponds, drying sheds, skimmers' shops, and immense stores for raw and finished hides, wool, leather, and other productions of the fellmonger's industry. About thirty hands are constantly employed in the various departments of the business in order to meet the requirements of the extensive trade done by the firm, whose connection extends to the principal buyers throughout the kingdom. The productions of the establishment are noted for their uniform standard of quality, and have deservedly secured for the proprietor a well-merited continuance of the confidence so long enjoyed by this substantial old-established house.



## BOYD &amp; GOODWIN,

Pharmaceutical Chemists and Druggists, 6, Merrion Row, Dublin (near the Shelbourne Hotel).

AMONGST the leading houses in this important business we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers the eminent firm of Messrs. BOYD & GOODWIN, Pharmaceutical Chemists and Druggists, whose establishment in Merrion Row supplies the subject of this sketch.

The business is of very long standing, having been established in 1821 by the above-named firm, of whom Mr. Goodwin died about eleven years ago, the undertaking being now conducted under the proprietorship of members of Mr. Boyd's family. The establishment is centrally situated at 6, Merrion Row, near the Shelbourne Hotel, the premises comprising commodious drug stores fitted throughout with every modern convenience for the operations of a high-class business of this character. The stock in each department has been specially selected, and embraces the best quality of drugs, chemical and pharmaceutical preparations, toilet, nursery and sick-room requisites, elegant perfumery, surgical and medical appliances, patent and proprietary articles, Foreign and English mineral waters, a great variety of dysaltries, and horse and cattle medicines. In the latter category must be included Messrs. BOYD & GOODWIN'S Special Veterinary Preparations, including the "Original" Watts' Embrocation, an invaluable remedy for the

removal of Splints, Spavins, Curbs, Thorough-pin, etc.; the "Original" Watts' Red Lotion for healing cuts and wounds on horses, cattle, dogs, etc.; Blister for coughs, colds, etc.; Alternative Condition Powders; Cough Powders for horses; Worm Powders for horses; Horse and Cattle Spice; Calf Meal; and constitution, cordial, diuretic, physic, and worm balls; and every description of stable requisites.

Special attention is directed by the firm to the dispensing department, which is provided with every facility for this important branch of the business. None but the purest drugs and chemicals are used in the preparation of Physicians' Prescriptions, which are compounded by fully qualified and competent assistants, thus ensuring the most absolute accuracy in all medicines supplied by the firm.

Messrs. BOYD & GOODWIN have also a large trade in Artists' oil colours and other materials as sole agents in Ireland for Adèle Deswarte, Brussels; and also supply every description of oils, colours, and varnishes for house painters and decorators.

In conclusion, we may add that a numerous staff of assistants is employed in the several departments of the business, which are efficiently managed under the personal direction of the principal with very conspicuous success.

## JOHN HUTTON &amp; SONS,

Coachmakers to the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Lieutenant, &c., &c., Summer Hill; and 2, Dawson Street, Dublin.

THERE is no better-known firm in connection with this important branch of industrial activity than the old-established house of Messrs. JOHN HUTTON AND SONS, Coachmakers, who have for the lengthened period of a century and a quarter enjoyed the patronage of the most distinguished personages in the realm and have achieved a reputation of exceptional distinction in the commercial world. The partners who now constitute the proprietary of the establishment include Thomas M. Hutton (Deputy Lieutenant of Co. Dublin) and his son Frank M. Hutton, B.A., Trinity College. The premises of the firm in Dawson Street are devoted to the purposes of a showroom of large proportions in which is exhibited a wide selection of high-class vehicles in very elegant designs, of which the leading features include outside and shooting cars of new and improved make, Stanhope wagonettes, Queen's pattern phaetons, rung Parisian phaetons, four-wheel dog carts, Norwich carts, Nottingham and Whitechapel carts, polo and village carts, and many other examples of the coachbuilder's art in various patterns and of the highest excellence of material and finished work-

manship. The works are situated at Summer Hill, to which they moved from Great Britain Street in 1871, and comprise extensive workshops for the several manufacturing departments, in which a staff of from sixty to seventy skilled hands are employed. The productions of Messrs. HUTTON are held in high estimation by an extensive and distinguished *clientèle*, the firm having been honoured with Her Majesty's commands for the construction of a State coach in 1851, about which there is an interesting article in the *English Illustrated Magazine* of March, 1892, and they have also for many years enjoyed the Royal patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant, and the nobility and gentry in the United Kingdom. Some indication of the antiquity and high standing of this old-established house may be derived from the fact that Messrs. HUTTON'S name is mentioned by Lady Morgan in one of her novels and by Charles Lever in his racy work "Harry Lorrequer," an evidence of contemporary popularity even at that remote period.

**GANLY, SONS & CO.,****Brokers and Auctioneers, 18, 19, and 20, Usher's Quay, Dublin.**

SINCE its establishment over fifty years ago, this house has enjoyed a career of uninterrupted prosperity, and to-day it holds a position of the highest status in connection with this class of business. The firm was founded by Mr. James Ganly, who is still living, aged ninety years. This gentleman has taken no active part in the business for some time since, the affairs of management and direction being in the able hands of Mr. Andrew Ganly and Mr. James Ganly his son. The trade, large though it has always been, is still of an increasing character—a sufficient proof, if proof were needed, that the infusion of the new blood has produced good results. The business premises, covering altogether over half-an-acre of ground, occupy a good position on Usher's Quay. The front portion of the main building is a curious and unique specimen of architecture, having a large portico supported by massive Corinthian pillars of great height. Taken as a whole it is a peculiar looking building, and it has a history of its own. It was built by Mr. Home as a hotel, and was for some years the habitation of a sect called the White Quakers, a designation they probably received on account of the fact that their dress was entirely white and scarcely up to the latest fashion. After their extinction the building that was used as a hotel afterwards passed into the hands of the founder of the present business. To the rear of the main structure is a range of buildings in the form of a square, enclosing a large courtyard. These buildings (each of which consists of three commodious flats and ground floor) are used as stores by Messrs. GANLY, SONS & Co., and the stables, waggon sheds, etc., are situate in the rear. A large sale-room

has been fitted up, and here the firm conduct their periodical wool-sales, the attendance at which includes all the most important merchants and buyers in Ireland. The wool is received in its raw state; and of Irish produce in this connection the house has a larger turnover than any other similar establishment in Ireland. The suite of general and private offices of the firm is situate in the front of the main building. An efficient staff of clerks is employed, and the general appointments are everything that could be desired. Messrs. GANLY, in addition to conducting valuations for probate, etc., are cattle salesmen, wool and corn brokers, auctioneers, property salesmen, and general agricultural commission agents. They have a branch establishment at the Cattle Market, Liverpool, and conduct large cattle sales in that city and Manchester. One special feature in this connection is the arrangements by which cattle consigned to Dublin or Liverpool Markets are met by men employed by the firm on arrival, taken to their lairs and thence to the respective markets, promptly sold, and proceeds remitted. Messrs. GANLY are also large forage contractors, supplying wholesale and retail; they lend wool sheets to consignors; watch home and foreign markets; give storage free to all consignments; make advances; and sell to best advantage. The house has established a wide reputation, and its patrons include the largest and most important merchants and dealers. One of the main features of the business—a feature which has probably had something to do with the phenomenal success achieved—is the fact that Messrs. GANLY, SONS & Co. purchase and sell solely on commission, and are not merchants or stock farmer on their own account.

**H. CONYNGHAM & CO.,****Pharmaceutical Chemists, 32, Upper Baggot Street, Dublin.**

IN indicating for the purposes of this work the leading establishments in the metropolis of Ireland, special distinction must be assigned to the eminent firm of Messrs. HENRY CONYNGHAM & Co., Pharmaceutical Chemists, which has for nearly thirty years past held an undisputed premier position in this auxiliary branch of the medical profession. The business was established in 1863, at No. 11, Upper Baggot Street, by Messrs. Hesey & Co., from whom it was acquired in 1875 by the present sole proprietor, Mr. Henry Conyngham, M.P.S., who has since continued the undertaking under the style which appears at the head of this notice. Owing to the rapid expansion of the business, the premises occupied at 11, Upper Baggot Street were found inadequate in accommodation for the requirements of the trade, and the present site was selected on the opposite side of the street to which the firm has recently removed. The establishment, which has been entirely reconstructed in modern style, is of handsome and commanding proportions, and has been specially fitted up

with the latest improvements to meet the requirements of a high-class business of this character. The stock in each department has been selected with the greatest care from the best sources of supply, and includes every description of pure drugs and chemicals, to which are added new preparations as soon as introduced; also their speciality of Coca Wine; sick room, nursery, and toilet requisites; perfumery; medical and surgical appliances, and patent and proprietary medicines of every description. An important feature of the business is represented in the dispensing department, which is conducted entirely under the personal supervision of the principal, who is assisted by qualified and experienced assistants; and, as only the purest and freshest drugs are employed in the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, &c., clients may rely upon the absolute accuracy of all preparations supplied by the firm. A very successful business has been established by the proprietor, who has secured the most substantial measure of support of both the medical profession and the public in the City and surrounding districts.



**JAMES WEIR & CO.,**

Grocers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Italian Warehousemen, 6 and 7, Burgh Quay, Dublin.

THE eminent house named at the head of this brief sketch was founded half a century ago by Mr. James Weir and is now carried on under its original designation by Mr. James A. Merry. The commercial operations of this thoroughly representative house are of very great magnitude and consist in the exemplification of two distinct classes or branches of trade, namely, grocery in all departments and Italian warehousemen's commodities and wines and spirits. Of these departments we shall speak separately in these reviews, merely premising the account with the fact that both the grocery and the wine and spirit trade are among the most extensive and influential in the Irish metropolis. The premises occupied by the firm at Nos. 6 and 7, Burgh Quay, comprise a stately and striking warehouse four storeys high and occupying a corner position. There is an exceptionally advantageous frontage to Burgh Quay. Here the firm have centralized a great and ever increasing business. The stock of groceries, provisions, tea, coffee, spices, fruit, and Italian goods is thoroughly inclusive of everything that can properly be classed under the foregoing heads. From the fact of Messrs. JAMES WEIR AND COMPANY'S vast business transactions the firm possess the best and amplest means of procuring goods on the best terms, at the principal sources of supply, and on conditions extremely advantageous to its many patrons. To merely enumerate a tithe of the firm's specialities would exhaust many times over the space at our disposal. Indeed, there is hardly an item in the stock that does not possess some of the characteristics of a speciality. Certainly there is nothing that is not worthy of being regarded as such.

The wine and spirit trade of the house is also one of great and ever-increasing magnitude. The house has for the last forty years been noted for its high-class whiskies, both Irish and Scotch. Mr. Merry has been connected with the house for those forty years. Messrs. JAMES WEIR AND COMPANY are direct importers of all the finest growths and vintages of foreign wines, and, apart from the fine selection displayed at the Burgh Quay premises, a still larger and more comprehensive stock will be found at the firm's bonded warehouses, Corn Exchange vaults, and Queen's Stores, North Wall. In addition to these there are well-appointed bottling stores at 14 and 15, Luke Street, and Poolbeg Street, Dublin. All the best features of the wine and spirit trade are exemplified in the firm's establishment, and the splendidly extensive trading connection enjoyed is the best testimonial to the high standing of the house and the appreciation in which its system of business is held by the public at large. In all respects the business of Messrs. JAMES WEIR AND COMPANY is well and enterprisingly conducted; and its ever-growing volume of operations embraces a large part of the province of Leinster and the South of Ireland generally. Mr. Merry, the respected proprietor, has had the advantage of a thoroughly practical business training, and the office of managing director of a concern of such increasing importance as this could not be occupied by one better qualified for the post. Mr. Merry is to be congratulated on the possession of a business whose affairs receive an administration the principles and thorough efficiency of which contain promise of an assured future prosperity as enduring as it is undoubtedly well deserved.

**MONSELL, MITCHELL, & CO.,**

Timber, Slate, Stone, Tile, and Cement Merchants, 73, Townsend Street, Dublin.

AN important business in connection with the building trade in Dublin is conducted by Messrs. MONSELL, MITCHELL, & Co., Timber, Slate, Stone, Tile, and Cement Merchants, the extent and magnitude of whose operations fully entitle the firm to classification with the leading houses of the City engaged in this branch of commercial activity. The business is of old-established standing, having been founded under the above title many years ago, and has been continuously extended and developed to its present successful proportions by the energy and enterprise of the proprietors.

The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated at 73, Townsend Street, comprising large stores for tiles, slates, terra-cotta goods, sanitary pipes, and every description of builders' requisites. The firm have also another large yard at No. 85, Townsend Street, for storing cement, etc. An extensive and widespread trade has been established by Messrs. MONSELL, MITCHELL, & Co. in supplying these materials to local builders here and throughout the South of Ireland, the

firm having for many years secured the confidence of the building trade by the uniform excellence and reliability of the goods contained in the several departments of their business.

They are agents for Messrs. J. & M. Craig, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, one of the largest manufacturing firms of fire-clay goods and sanitary ware of the very best description in the United Kingdom, comprising white enamelled bricks, scullery sinks, baths, lavatory basins, terra-cotta vases, pedestals, facing bricks, chimney cans, Buchan's patent and Pott's patent ventilating traps, special glazed sewer pipes and connections, etc., etc. They are also agents for Mr. Thomas Peake, of Tunstall, Staffordshire, whose terra-metallic tiles for flooring, etc., have gained a world-wide reputation for durability, many thousands being used annually at home and abroad. These and other goods of the same manufacturer are stocked in large quantities by Messrs. MONSELL, MITCHELL, & Co., and sold by them to their many customers all over Ireland.

**JANE McDONAGH, Fishmonger to Her Majesty,**

**Fishmonger, Ice Merchant, Poultry and Game Dealer to the Lord Lieutenant, the University,  
and the Commander of the Forces, 8, William Street, Dublin.**

THERE are very few establishments in Dublin which can boast of more distinguished patronage and influential support than that accorded to the business conducted under the style of Mrs. JANE McDONAGH, Fishmonger to Her Majesty the Queen by special appointment, and Fishmonger, Ice Merchant, Poultry and Game Dealer to the Lord Lieutenant, the University, and the Commander of the Forces, to which we invite the attention of our readers. The business is of very old standing, having been founded by Mrs. McDONAGH upwards of sixty years ago, and still continued by the representatives of the family, is the second oldest house in this trade in the City. The premises are centrally situated at 8, William Street, and comprise spacious and conveniently arranged shop with good frontage, and extending a considerable depth

to the rear, in which are situated large ice stores, stabling, van sheds, and every requisite for a trade of this character. The establishment is handsomely fitted throughout with marble slabs, counters, &c., no expense having been spared in adapting it to modern requirements. The stock embraces every description of poultry and game in season carefully selected from the best sources of supply, and all kinds of fresh-water and ocean-caught fish daily renewed from the principal centres of the fishing industry in the kingdom. An influential trade connection has been established by the proprietor throughout the City and the principal residential suburbs, a well organised series of van deliveries being arranged for the convenience of the patrons of the establishment, and families will be waited upon for orders in any part of the district when specially requested.

**F. CROKER & CO.,**

**Wholesale Trunk, Chest, and Box Manufacturers, 8, Mill Street, Dublin.**

MESSRS. F. CROKER & Co. are the largest wholesale trunk manufacturers in Ireland, and do an enormous trade in supplying the leading warehouses. The firm has been established four years, and its premises are on the largest scale, covering a quarter of an acre. The factory is in three flats, with a frontage of 130 feet. The frame-making and covering operations, in which a number of hands find employment, are carried out on the two lower floors, and are expedited by the most improved appliances; and the top flat serves as a drying loft, where the frames are seasoned for several months before being finally finished. Contiguous is another block, also of three storeys, the lower one serving as a store for the various woods—ash, oak, pine, etc.—employed in

the manufacture, and the two upper for finished goods ready for the market. The variety of trunks, boxes, travellers' cases, military chests (regulation pattern), travelling trunks, etc., is very great, and the stock immense. One speciality, a round-topped French trunk, with a convex lid, capable of bearing great weight, must prove invaluable to travellers under our present railway system, and is both light and durable. The trade, which is of course wholesale, is managed by the proprietors, Mr. F. Croker and Mr. W. Row, who have both had a vast experience of the requirements of the trade, and are able to meet special or general orders of the greatest magnitude, and to any design, on the shortest notice.

**DELANY, Merchant Tailor,**

**34, Dame Street, Dublin; and 125, George Street, Limerick.**

AMONGST the well-known sartorial establishments of the City must be numbered the high-class house of Mr. DELANY, Merchant Tailor, 34, Dame Street, Dublin, as fully meriting the attention of our readers. The business was established at this address many years ago by Mr. Sykes, from whom it was acquired by the present proprietor in 1887. The premises in Dame Street consist of a handsome building with splendid plate-glass window frontage, of which advantage is taken for the effective display of the high-class goods submitted for inspection. The interior is conveniently arranged as a showroom with the necessary cutting and workrooms in the rear. A splendid stock of new season's materials is held in Irish, Scotch, English, and French tweeds, Meltons, and other woollens suit-

able for a high-class trade of this character. The principal feature of the business is the execution of orders for evening, morning, and promenade costumes, hunting coats and breeches, boys' and youths' clothing, ladies' riding habits, civil, naval, and military uniforms, state and undress liveries, and sporting outfits. The services of a staff of first-class cutters and workpeople are employed in the operative departments, under experienced supervision, ensuring the perfection of fit, style, and make in every garment supplied from the establishment. Mr. DELANY has also a branch establishment at 125, George Street, Limerick, conducted on similar lines to that we have described above, the whole arrangements of the business being of the most complete and efficient character in each department.



**CANTRELL & COCHRANE,**

Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, and London.

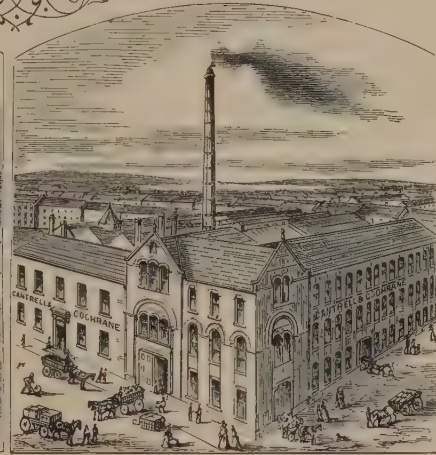
THE history of the development of the mineral water trade in Great Britain is so closely associated with the successful progress of the eminent house of Messrs. CANTRELL AND COCHRANE that no work professing to deal with the leading representative manufacturers of this class of goods can be considered either adequate or complete which does not contain some outline of the operations of this great business undertaking. The foundation of Messrs. CANTRELL AND COCHRANE'S success was laid in Belfast in 1852, when the concern was inaugurated by Dr. Cantrell, who was subsequently

which is reached the sanctum of the head of the firm. Here Sir Henry Cochrane is surrounded by the substantial tributes which testify to the success of the far-famed minerals supplied by his firm at all the leading exhibitions at home and abroad, the grand total mounting to an aggregate of 31 gold and silver prize medals awarded for superior excellence and purity of quality. The other offices are in close proximity, the whole arrangements of the clerical department being of the most complete character and enabling the principal to exercise the closest supervision over the staff. In the rear are the manufacturing departments, fitted throughout with

# CANTRELL & COCHRANE'S GINGER ALE &



Works DUBLIN The Nassau



Works BELFAST Cromac Building

## MINERAL-WATER-MANUFACTORIES

joined in partnership by Mr. (now Alderman Sir Henry) Cochrane, D.L., J.P., who has since Dr. Cantrell's retirement remained at the head of the administration. The Dublin works of the firm—with which it is the purpose of this article specially to treat—are situated in Nassau Place, of which thoroughfare they occupy the entire length of one side and the greater portion of the other; and, covering an immense area of ground, provide spacious facilities for the several manufacturing departments. A wide gateway entrance gives admission to the handsome suite of general and clerk's offices, in which a numerous staff is constantly engaged; passing through

all the latest improvements suggested by practical science and mechanical skill for producing in perfection the high qualities of aerated waters for which this house is world-famous. The water necessary for the purposes of manufacture is obtained from a well on the premises, long known as St. Patrick's Well. This splendid natural fount was for many years covered in, and it was only by Sir Henry Cochrane's indefatigable research into antiquarian and other sources that the site of the well was discovered. This is situated immediately in the centre of the factory, the depth of the boring reaching a distance of ninety-five feet—seventy feet from

the surface to the rock and twenty-five feet below the granite. The well is lined with cylinders from top to bottom, the water being elevated by two powerful steam pumps capable of lifting two thousand gallons of water per hour and providing an almost inexhaustible supply of the purest spring water for the purposes of the trade. The materials used as ingredients in the manufacture of Messrs. CANTRELL AND COCHRANE'S table waters are of the most absolute purity, each being carefully tested by skilful analysis to ensure this result; and every operation in the syrup room and laboratory is carried out with the perfection of cleanliness and attention to sanitary principles. Messrs. CANTRELL AND COCHRANE'S widely-known specialities include their celebrated brands of ginger ale, "Club Soda," "Club Ale," Royal Seltzer, Potass Water, Lithia Water, and "Sparkling" Montserrat. These beverages, it is no exaggeration to state, are held in popular estimation wherever Englishmen congregate to the most remote corners of the globe, and the familiar diamond

and square-shaped labelled bottles are as well known in India, China, New Zealand, Canada, West Indies, Egypt, Cape Colony, South America, Australia, and the United States as they are widely appreciated in all parts of the United Kingdom. In concluding this necessarily brief review of the undertaking, we cannot refrain from admiring comment on the magnificent organisation and system of administration which form the most conspicuous features of the management, and which have, under the controlling direction of the principal, Sir Henry Cochrane, attained a perfection of excellence in every detail, and to which alone must be attributed the success of operations conducted on such a scale of magnitude as those in which this firm is engaged. Messrs. CANTRELL AND COCHRANE'S Belfast establishment is of similar proportions to their Dublin works, and they have also branches in London and Glasgow and agencies in every town of importance in the kingdom.

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### MESSRS. TUCK & CO., LTD.,

Patentees and Manufacturers of India Rubber, Leather, and Asbestos Goods,

13, Aston's Quay, Dublin.

And London, Liverpool, and Cardiff. Telephone 575. Telegrams, "TUCK'S, DUBLIN."

ALTHOUGH the name of TUCK & Co. is familiar as a household word in engineering and manufacturing circles, the recent opening of their fine branch house at the above address renders it necessary, if only for completeness' sake, to give a few particulars concerning this great enterprise in our survey of the business world of Dublin. Their splendid establishments and factories at London, Liverpool, and Cardiff are worthily completed by their house in the Irish Metropolis, and, as it is in contemplation to establish a factory here also, the firm will soon rank among Irish manufacturers. The premises at Aston's Quay occupy a good corner position, and have the amplest shop, office, and warehouse accommodation. Here may be seen india-rubber, leather, and asbestos goods in infinite variety, including many patents and specialities made only by them.

Tuck's steam packing deserves doubtless the premier position among the many unexcelled articles the firm have produced for the use of the engineer. The fact that this packing has been adopted by the Admiralty and Ordnance, and by the principal steam users in the manufacturing and shipping worlds, is the best proof of its superiority, and renders any *resumé* of its merits unnecessary. Buyers, however, in this age of imitation, will do well to see that the firm's trade mark is on each length, and thus avoid a spurious and worthless substitute. Of course, this speciality only heads a variety of goods of the same order, such as Tuck's patent triple metallic packing, for triple expansion and other engines working at a pressure of 150 lbs. and upwards (also specially stamped); Tuck's pure asbestos rolled cloth (also plaited or twisted); Tuck's pure asbestos block packing, with or without brass wire; insertion sheets, copper-gauze insertion, millboard, tape, yarn, fibre, putty, paint, and other asbestos goods. Leather belting,

made from selected hides tanned specially for the purpose at the firm's works in Liverpool, is another widely-known speciality of the firm, and may be had in any size or form—single, double, or link—together with all accessories. In this line the firm make also a patent improved hair safe-edge belting, specially adapted for main driving and cross belts, of enormous tensile strength, and a stitched cotton duck belting, capable, at six inches wide, of resisting a strain of 18,000 lbs. To these we may add, as special features of the firm's manufacture, their asbestos non-conducting composition, non-conducting dry hair felt, and vulcanized fibre in valves and sheets.

The above are but a few of the many interesting products of Messrs. Tuck & Co., their other lines of manufacture being too numerous and varied to admit of more than brief indication in these pages. *Inter alia*, they make all sorts and sizes of superior india-rubber sheets, valves and washers, solid vulcanized india-rubber tubing, solid india-rubber rope or cord, vulcanized rubber and canvas hose, ditto with spiral wire for suction, canvas woven hose pipe, india-rubber lined woven hose, india-rubber mats, life belts, life buoys, and jackets to Board of Trade requirements, wheel tyres, water-bottles and beds, and many other useful items. We need not say that the firm guarantee all their goods, and that the special advantages claimed for them have been fully admitted by users at home and abroad. Among recent medallic honours, we note their medal won at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Royal Mining, Engineering, and Industrial Exhibition, 1887. We are also pleased to note that the management of the Dublin house is in the hands of Mr. Alexander Findlay, whose business experience and accomplishments further assure the position of this distinguished firm in the industrial and engineering world of Ireland.



**THOMAS HENSHAW & CO.,**

**Wholesale Ironmongers, Iron and Steel Merchants and Manufacturers,  
5, 6, and 12, Christ Church Place; and 81, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.**

ONE of the oldest established, and probably the most extensive, houses engaged in the iron, steel, and general ironmongery trade of Ireland is that controlled under the style of Messrs. THOMAS HENSHAW & COMPANY, of Nos. 5, 6, and 12, Christ Church Place; and No. 81, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin. This leading house was originally founded, in the year 1794, by one Mr. Bryan Murphy, who carried on business at 28, Kennedy's Lane, in the rear of the fine premises at present occupied by Messrs. THOS. HENSHAW & Co. in Christ Church Place. In 1834, Mr. Murphy transferred his business to its present locality, the style of the firm becoming Murphy, Son, & Butler. The business subsequently passed exclusively into the hands of Mr. Butler, a well-known Alderman of the City of Dublin, who, in 1856, disposed of his interest in the concern to Messrs. Thomas and Alfred Henshaw, under whose careful auspices the business has developed into one of vast proportions and second to none in the kingdom. From time to time, during the proprietorship of Messrs. THOMAS HENSHAW & COMPANY, very great structural extensions of premises have been rendered necessary by the exigencies of an ever-augmenting trade, and at the present time some idea of the magnitude of the firm's operations may be formed from the fact that it occupies stores and warehouses extending from No. 10 to 16, Kennedy's Lane; and from 5, 6, and 12, Christ Church Place, Dublin. In addition to the foregoing, the firm occupy an extensive warehouse in Middle Abbey Street, and large iron works and spade and shovel and edge tool manufactory at Upper and Lower Mills, Clonskeagh, County Dublin.

The business operations engaged in by Messrs. THOMAS HENSHAW & Co. may be briefly summarised as

those of iron and steel merchants, furnishing and builders' ironmongers, mill furnishers, tin-plate workers, and domestic engineers, a specialty being the fitting up of ranges and heating apparatus. The large and well-lighted showrooms are handsomely fitted up, and herein will be found a magnificent stock, embracing the latest novelties in chimney-pieces, tile hearths, fenders, cutlery, and electroplate, of which, together with a great variety of stoves, grates, and kitchen ranges, the firm make a most comprehensive and attractive display. The several shops are fully stocked with all manner of furnishing ironmongery, washing and wringing machines, mangles, beams and scales in great variety, tinware, and japanned goods of every description. In agricultural implements the firm hold an unsurpassed stock, and among the special features of interest we note patent lawn mowers, doubtless the most efficient apparatus of the kind invented; garden furniture; farmers' requisites; and accessories of every kind. As manufacturers of spades and shovels, Messrs. THOMAS HENSHAW & Co. occupy an unique and enviable position in the country. The excellence of their manufactures is borne testimony to by the great demand for the firm's spades, shovels, scoops, forks, pickaxes, mattocks, billhooks, cleavers, etc., etc. The goods are all of the first quality, those that are not of the firm's own make coming from the leading manufactories of England, Scotland, and the United States of America.

A very large and widespread trade is controlled, and all the affairs of the house receive the most careful and competent administration at the hands of the proprietary, which has so long and so vigorously promoted the advancement of the concern to its present eminent rank in the commercial system of the Irish Kingdom.

**G. A. MCGUINNESS,**

**Watchmaker, Jeweller and Silversmith, Electroplater and Gilder, 28, High Street, Dublin.**

An important department of industrial art is represented by Mr. G. A. MCGUINNESS, the well-known watchmaker, jeweller, and silversmith, etc., of whose business history we present this brief outline to our readers. Mr. MCGUINNESS commenced operations at his present address, 28, High Street, about eight years ago, and during that comparatively brief period has succeeded in firmly establishing a first-class all-round trade of the most promising and satisfactory character. The premises are of spacious proportions and very effectively appointed, a handsome double-faced clock forming one of the exterior attractions of the establishment and supplying a distinctive feature of the thoroughfare. The interior is neatly fitted with elegant show cases for the display of the high-class stock submitted for inspection, and the windows are arranged with tasteful effect. The various departments of the business include dining and drawing-room clocks and

timepieces in gilt ormolu and bronze; ladies' and gentlemen's gold and silver watches; gold and gem jewellery in all the newest and most fashionable designs; silver and electroplated goods; and an infinite variety of useful and ornamental articles suitable for presentation.

The operative branches of the business include watch, clock, and jewellery repairing; optical instruments; stick and pipe mounting; and a leading speciality in ecclesiastical gilding and lacquering. This work is executed with the highest skill, and obtained a Certificate of Merit at the Artizans' Exhibition in 1885. An extensive and influential circle of patronage has been secured by Mr. MCGUINNESS, which includes many of the leading gentry resident in the City and suburbs, and the business done in each department affords a gratifying indication of the estimation in which the productions of this gentleman are held in the district.

**C. BULL, Manufacturer of Church Ornaments and Furniture,  
Ecclesiastical Warehouse, 21, Suffolk Street, Dublin.**

THE application of direct trading to a very important and representative branch of Irish industry finds notable illustration in the operations of Mr. CORNELIUS BULL, whose business, conducted during the past twenty-five years in Dublin, has tended to simplify the acquisition of all those church furnishings hitherto obtainable only from and through the continental sources of production. The work and trade upon which Mr. BULL has been so long and successfully engaged has developed considerably, and in a manner which indicates how thoroughly the Catholic clergy and the various religious communities, for providing whose requirements the business was established, have appreciated the advantages it confers. The transference of the business from its original location in Upper Gloucester Street to the splendid new premises in Suffolk Street was due to the great increases of the trade, and—apart from the commodiousness and convenience gained by the removal—the premises have afforded many opportunities for display tending to render the house one of the most attractive features of the leading thoroughfare in which it is situated. From an imposing plate-glass frontage the interior extends backwards over a distance of nearly 100 yards, forming a magnificent showroom arranged under all the effective conditions which enhance and emphasize the beauty of a stock embracing so many and varied departments. The exhibit of church ornaments and altar furniture, regarded collectively, presents a superb illustration of decorative taste, and indicates a completeness and exhaustiveness which it is, obviously, impossible to describe. There are altars in carved and polished oak, pitchpine, and other woods designed and manufactured by the proprietor and enriched by polychrome decoration. Also pulpits, communion rails, tabernacles, stalls, and confessionals; and there are represented also those portable altars usefully adapted and furnished for foreign missions or sea voyages. In adapting these and other accessories of the altar to the needs of small missions everywhere, Mr. BULL has manifestly endeavoured to maintain a comparatively inexpensive scale of charges, and an instance of this is to be found in his Stations of the Cross, which can be provided at a very moderate figure. At the same time rich oil paintings by first-class artists are here shown, many of these being fine examples of bas-relief, and the framing is designed and executed on the premises according to order, with a view of rendering the pictures expressly suitable either for the most unpretentious country chapel or for an important metropolitan cathedral. The framing of altar charts and the production of expositions, priedieu, vestment presses, and sarco-

phagi are among the practical operations of this house, and the firm's taste and handiwork in this direction are manifested by an elegant range of specialities, in which all the features of chaste design and finish are characterised. This is believed to be the cheapest house in Europe for vestments, as well as for all the materials used in their manufacture, and many of these are richly embroidered in gold; also albs of Brussels and Limerick lace. The proprietor is in communication with several of the best Lyons houses for the supply of silks, cloth of gold, &c., and a very large proportion of the statues and cribs here shown are the productions of the most celebrated French makers. The visitor to this establishment cannot fail to note the extensive collection of banners, bannerettes, processional canopies, ombrellinos, and antependia—all of which Mr. BULL has supplied to most of the Sodalities and Confraternities in Ireland. These are supplemented by an immense and diversified stock of crucifixes, fine plastique statues under shades, and silver *bijouterie* of every description comprehended within the category of religious fancy goods; and a rich profusion of altar bouquets add to the beauty and interest of this large display. Besides a considerable number of assistants in the warehouse and office Mr. BULL employs a staff of about thirty hands in the factory at 47, Clarendon Street, opposite St. Teresa's R. C. Church, and here there is constantly presented a busy scene of art work and industry. Wood carving, metal working, &c., &c., are all here exemplified, and the stranger to the Metropolis must view with especial favour the presence in Dublin of an industry that has become a useful centre of resource for the needs of Catholic clergymen in this essentially Catholic country. There is embodied in the equipment of the factory a fine range of new and ingenious machinery operating under steam power and the whole work is carried out on a basis of efficiency and completeness equal in every respect to the continental factories. Mr. BULL spares no expense to secure the reproduction of the ecclesiastical and artistic woodwork with which Belgium, France, Germany, and Italy have been hitherto so long credited; and to this end makes an annual visit to these countries and to their principal churches and workshops. The results of so close a connection with the best centres of production are to be noted in the excellency of everything emanating from the Clarendon Street factory, and it must be a matter of great satisfaction to clergymen everywhere throughout the country that here in Dublin there is controlled an establishment which provides so well and economically all the innumerable details of the Church's many artistic requirements.

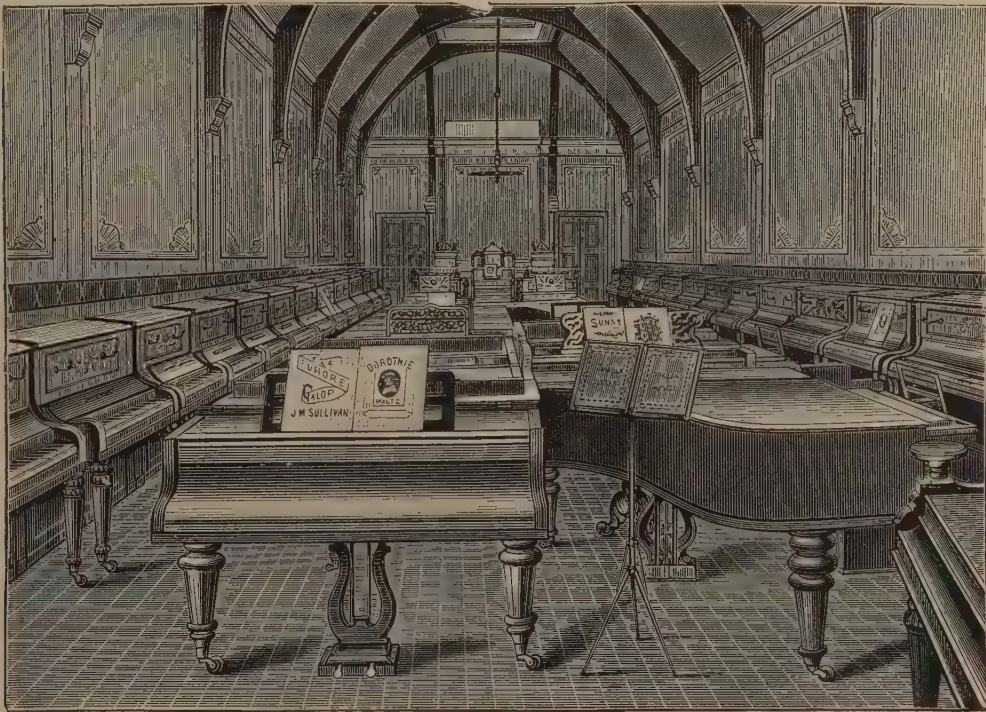


## POHLMANN &amp; CO.,

Prize Medal Patent Grand Pianoforte Manufacturers, Music Publishers and Sellers,  
Musical Instrument Importers, etc., 40, Dawson Street, Dublin.

THROUGHOUT the musical instrument industry of the United Kingdom there is no single firm with which we are acquainted that can justly claim so distinguished a place by reason of antiquity and great manufacturing achievements as the world-renowned house we indicate at the head of this sketch. The ancestors of the present head of the concern were the makers of the first pianoforte made in England, and it is interesting to note that Messrs. POHLMANN & Co. still possess among their treasured relics the identical 5-octave instrument which Johannes Pohlmann made in 1768. They have also

instruments manufactured by all the leading houses in the trade, whether British, American, or continental. The mere enumeration of the makers whose productions are represented in Messrs. POHLMANN & Co.'s show-rooms would fill more space than we can afford in the present review, but we may mention the fact that the firm control no fewer than eighteen sole agencies, representing the cream of the world's musical instrument manufactories. The utmost choice is thus afforded to the intending purchaser, who may rest reliant upon the fact that an inferior instrument has no place in the



another pianoforte, also made by Johannes Pohlmann in 1773, and possessing a special interest from the fact that Glück used it during the composition of his "Armida" and other works. The firm of Messrs. POHLMANN & Co. have extensive pianoforte manufacturing works in Brunswick, the old and original manufactory being situated at Halifax, Yorkshire, and a very extensive business is carried on. The head of the concern is Mr. George H. Pohlmann, who is the sole proprietor, and personally superintends the business. The Dublin showrooms in Dawson Street are among the finest of the kind we have ever inspected. They are elegantly fitted up, perfectly lighted from the roof by Stott's new patent reflex light, and are stocked to repletion with every class of musical

saloons of the firm, however cheap it may be. Indeed, in order to guarantee the excellence and perfect character of every instrument sold, all are personally examined by Mr. Pohlmann before they are permitted to leave the warehouses of the firm. But of Messrs. POHLMANN & Co.'s own productions we desire to say something. The firm have always enjoyed the reputation for being progressive, and certainly no piano manufacturing house has made a greater number of successful experiments in the improvement of the pianoforte than they; and the results of their constant study, research, and practical trial of new ideas are strikingly manifested in the superb instruments now sent out under the name of "Pohlmann." They control a great number of valuable

patents, and, with the exception of Messrs. Erard, of London, they were the first in England to make pianofortes with  $7\frac{1}{4}$ -octave keyboards. The new construction of pianos with full iron frames was introduced into England in 1870 by Messrs. POHLMANN & Co., and in 1871 they were the first to use the overstrung bass in the upright pianoforte. "They are," says a recent reviewer in the *Industries of Yorkshire*, "the inventors and patentees of the newest construction in horizontal and upright 'grands,' viz., the iron double frame cast in one piece (corrugated), with suspended sound boards, and the excellent equal tension bridge." Double sound boards, made on a similar principle to violins, are used in some of Messrs. POHLMANN's patent "paragon" upright grands (as sold to Mr. Sims Reeves), and two other notable specialities consist in the protected "noiseless" pedals for pianos and the silverized, non-corrosive "harmonic" piano wire, which was first used by Messrs. POHLMANN in 1884, and which is now supplied to many of the largest piano-makers. For this wire the firm claim a superiority in every respect, and the difference in cost is trifling. Messrs. POHLMANN have won many prize medals and other awards for superiority of tone, touch, and workmanship, and, from their wonderfully cheap, durable, and most satisfactory school pianos to their superb horizontal grands at ninety-five guineas and upwards, every instrument produced by the firm embodies artistic and musical qualities of a high order and exhibits conspicuous merits of design and finish. To any purchaser who desires a really high-class instrument at a medium price we can strongly and confidently recommend the firm's productions.

Messrs. POHLMANN & Co. make every instrument

of the best and most reliable materials, having but one object in view—to produce an irreproachable pianoforte at the lowest cost consistent with genuine intrinsic excellence. The easy payment or three years' system of hire and purchase is applied to all classes of instruments. American organs, too, form a prominent feature in connection with the firm's business operations; indeed, Messrs. POHLMANN & Co. were the first to introduce the American organ into Ireland, and the fact that at the present time they possess the sole agency for the Karn Organ Co., the Palace Organ Co., and the Packard Organ Co.—three of the largest American organ manufacturing concerns extant—taken in conjunction with the fact that Messrs. POHLMANN & Co. sell more American organs at their Dawson Street dépôt than all other music sellers combined, affords striking evidence that the house still retains its pre-eminence in this department of the musical instrument trade. Messrs. POHLMANN also carry on an extensive tuning business, a large staff of efficient tuners being employed, while an equally experienced staff of workmen in connection with their manufactory is employed in the repairing departments of the concern. The music department is under entirely new management, and the stock comprises all the latest musical publications, so that all their patrons may rely on orders being promptly executed; and they hope, by their careful attention, to merit the continued and increased orders of their numerous friends and the public generally. The business throughout is ably and enterprisingly conducted, and, as a dépôt for every requirement usually associated with the profession of music, it has undoubtedly no equal among the rival music emporia of the Irish Metropolis.

### JOHN COATES,

Monumental Works, 26, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

FAMILIAR among the many names that have become identified with the advance of sculptural art in Ireland is that of Mr. JOHN COATES, whose monumental works at Dublin, established in 1862, have become the centre of a prosperous industry.

The present location of the house was substituted for the original premises in the same thoroughfare when the business had sufficiently extended to warrant such a change. The works are very extensive, and cover an immense area at the rear of the second of the two fine showrooms, by which the appearance of the front portion of the premises is dignified.

The showrooms present many admirable examples of the tone of chaste and genuinely artistic execution by which everything produced by the proprietor and his staff is characterised, and the ceiling of polished deal contributes to enhance the display of medallions and ornamental work that adorn the walls, and illustrates a department of handiwork in which this house has acquired a repute of the highest order.

The space afforded for carrying out all the practical operations of the trade may be estimated from the fact that the works extend over a floorage stretch of 150 feet, and have a breadth of 25 feet. They are arranged and equipped on a standard of completeness conforming to the importance of the house, and possess many

excellent facilities for carrying out with expedition, accuracy, and smoothness the manufacture of monuments, mural tablets, tombs, headstones, fonts, and all kinds of stone and marble work in which artistic skill and the judicious elaboration of special designs are the essential features.

The versatile scope of the proprietor's operations, and the readiness with which he enters upon every conceivable undertaking of the trade, enable him to transact both for the clergy and laity. In Mr. COATES' hands monumental sculpture, in a comprehensive sense, has been elevated to a very high standard, while a conception of the true artistic spirit is evinced in every branch of the ordinary work of the trade, and it is this which has contributed to gain for Mr. COATES a renown that is something more than local. Indeed there is scarcely a town of any importance in Ireland in which there does not exist some memorial of his or his firm's handiwork. Even in England and Scotland Mr. COATES has executed several artistic commissions with acceptance; and, as one whose knowledge of sculptural and modelling art is the outcome of long and arduous experience and study, he now commands a position of well-merited distinction in the professional calling of which he has at all times proved himself a proficient and painstaking master.



**WILLIAM SPENCE, Foundry and Engineering Works,  
Cork Street, Dublin.**

THE conspicuous development of the foundry and engineering industry in Ireland during the last quarter of a century is one of the most pleasing and promising features of its industrial situation; and though Irish manufactures are handicapped by cross-Channel freights for raw material, they have been more than able to hold their ground against more favoured competitors, not alone for home supply but in outside markets. Among the most enterprising and successful of foundries and engineers Mr. WILLIAM SPENCE holds a distinguished position and carries on a business of the first order, deserving, on both grounds, special mention in this volume. His fine works are situated in Cork Street, Dublin, and cover an area of three and a half acres. They have a most imposing frontage of over a hundred feet, with a handsome granite entrance, to the right of which are the offices, and to the left the timekeeper's department and stores. The interior consists of an aggregation of huge moulding shops and pattern shops; setting up, machine, and fitting shops; large forge and boiler and erecting shops of the usual character, and equipped with steam plant of the most effective type. A capacious yard, also fitted with a thirty-ton overhead traveller, serves for various purposes, including storage. Taken altogether the place ranks among the first concerns of the kind in Ireland devoted to general engineering and founding purposes. Mr. SPENCE has won distinction in so many departments of the industry that to enumerate them all would be to go over a great portion of the engineering field. *Inter alia* we may

mention steam engines of all descriptions, steam boilers of all dimensions, wrought iron girders, and bridges of all sizes and weights; shafting, couplings, wheels, pedestals, and pulleys of all kinds; pumping apparatus, machine tools, and all kinds of machinery used and required by brewers, distillers, millers, railway companies, and all manufacturers requiring mechanical and other appliances. Brewers' and distillers' plant is a speciality, and Mr. SPENCE has manufactured and erected in Dublin the largest mash tuns in the world, and supplies cast-iron and steel malt rollers, etc., of the best description. A shunting locomotive for narrow gauge railways or tramways, weighing nine and a half tons, as supplied to Messrs. Guinness and Co. and exported, is an ideal motor, capable of drawing 120 tons on the level at a speed of ten miles an hour. A set of 3-throw pumps, with loaded and veined rotating valves and brass-packed buckets, capable of discharging 15,000 gallons per hour, is another triumph of the firm's production. A large skilled staff finds employment in the various operations. Mr. SPENCE, who is ably assisted by his son, is an expert in all that appertains to the business, and gives it the benefit of his personal supervision. He has had the most varied experience of the trade, and has steadily extended the scope of his operations since his establishment in 1856. He enjoys a large share of home contracts, and does a large amount of work for the colonies and foreign countries. Besides his technical qualifications he is an accomplished business man and highly esteemed in trade and business circles in the Irish metropolis.

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**JAMES TROY, Hosier, Outfitter, Shirt and Collar Manufacturer,  
58, Henry Street, Dublin.**

THERE is no more prominent characteristic peculiar to the mercantile and industrial system of the City of Dublin than the prosperity attending the business relating to gentlemen's hosiery, hats, gloves, mercery, and shirt and collar making; and to these commercial lines the house of Mr. JAMES TROY has contributed, for a period of fully half a century, no small share of their present local *prestige*. The gentleman who now carries on the business represents the third generation of proprietors bearing the same Christian and surnames, both Mr. TROY's father and grandfather having preceded him in the control of the establishment. Mr. TROY's premises in Henry Street are exceptionally spacious and handsome, presenting every feature of tasteful fitting and artistic arrangement and well adapted to the superior class of trade engaged in, while the stock is in every way exhaustive and representative, showing that the requirements of a first-class connection are thoroughly anticipated and provided for. Hats of a stylish kind from the most celebrated makers, hosiery, gloves, shirts, and many other items of becoming and fashionable attire all constitute the principal departments of the business; and in pursuance of a line of business which is now regarded

as inseparable from modern outfitting, Mr. TROY keeps a very large assortment of superior hosiery purchased from the factories and warehouses of the most noted Irish and British manufacturers; also a choice selection of ladies' and gentlemen's French and English kid and dogskin gloves, as well as a great variety of warm winter gloves of the latest fashion. In the executive department of the business, Mr. TROY's establishment has long enjoyed a high reputation for the accuracy with which shirtmaking orders are completed and in adapting and designing shirts to every condition of gentlemen's wear. Mr. TROY employs only first-class shirtmakers well skilled in every requirement of the shirt and collar trade. This particular branch of his business has developed largely of late, all the cutting-out of the shirts being carried on under capable supervision, which secures that the fit shall certainly be correct and the material of the best quality. The proprietor displays great courtesy and attentiveness in carrying out with exactitude the wishes and orders of his numerous town and country patrons, and, in consequence, he receives the respect, encouragement, and hearty good wishes of a most influential and briskly developing *c'ientèle*.

**A. P. SHARP, Builder, Architectural and Monumental Sculptor,****17, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.**

AN industry of the highest usefulness and importance has been successfully developed in Dublin under the name which forms the title of this brief sketch. We refer to the large and busy concern established in 1870 by Messrs. Good & Sharp, and since 1870 sustained under the active individual direction of Mr. A. P. SHARP, who has united the operations of the builder and modeller with all the artistic branches of work that fall within the scope of the architectural and monumental sculptor. Of the many departments of work represented in the above designation, ecclesiastical work has become a special and prominent feature of Mr. SHARP'S trade; this embracing church building, repairs and restorations, the manufacture of church furniture, and carvings in wood, stone, and marble.

The proprietor is assisted by a staff of from five to fifteen first-rate carvers and from three to ten wood carvers, all of whom are experts in the several branches of the calling they illustrate, and are under the sole management and guidance of Mr. Henry Emery, who has directed this branch of the business for fifteen years, and is conversant with every one of its most advanced artistic phases. He has recently completed all the inside and outside carving of the New Ulster Bank and also the modelling of the ceilings therein, while the interior marble work of the same imposing structure was executed by Mr. SHARP, and fixed by him for the eminent architect, Thomas Drew, Esq., R.A.A. The entrance doors and wood carving inside were also subjected to Mr. Emery's artistic treatment, this gentleman having an interest in the business; and he likewise executed a large portion of the carving and modelling for the New Museum and Library in Kildare Street.

The restoration of the Cathedral in Waterford—an undertaking of considerable importance, and involving an outlay of £5,000—has just been finished by Mr.

SHARP. All the oak stalls and furniture were made and carved at the proprietor's woodworks, No. 7, Brunswick Street, where there is a splendid equipment of machinery specially designed to carry out this industry, and where ecclesiastical and artistic carving is illustrated under the best conditions. At the establishment, No. 17, Great Brunswick Street, opposite the Queen's Theatre, the practical operations of stone, marble, and monumental work are principally engaged in; and here the visitor may observe the skill and taste with which the firm enter upon the making of fonts, pulpits, and lecterns in stone, marble, and wood, the completed examples exhibited being *replica* of those already provided to churches and cathedrals in Ireland, with the addition of such variations in design as may have suggested themselves to the firm's versatile conception and taste. Wherever possible, the proprietor and his competent manager and staff have introduced new and original designs, illustrations of which are frequently forwarded free by post to enquirers; and the original and unconventional character of the firm's work is especially manifested in plaster enrichments, most of which are reproduced from designs originating distinctly with themselves. An interesting feature of Mr. SHARP'S industry is the production of Celtic crosses for memorial purposes, many of which are provided for England and for abroad. There is thus practically no limit to the scope and ramifications of the work entered upon; and the employment of a general staff—averaging sixty hands, according to the season—indicates the extent of the trade which Mr. SHARP is called upon to undertake.

Mr. SHARP is at present in course of finishing the rebuilding of Carnalway Church, Kildare, under Mr. J. F. Fuller, and has a staff engaged upon various operations at St. Patrick's and Christ's Church Cathedrals, as well as in several undertakings in the country.

**TRULOCK & HARRISS,****Gun, Rifle, and Revolver Manufacturers, 9, Dawson Street, Dublin.**

THE old and well-known firm of TRULOCK AND HARRISS, which holds the Viceroy's Appointment, was founded over a century ago by W. Trulock, deceased some sixty years back. The founder subsequently associated his son-in-law, Mr. Harriss, with him in the business under the title now borne. Sixteen years ago Mr. Harriss died, and the business has since been carried on by his son, Mr. John Harriss, the present sole proprietor. The premises contain a fine warehouse to the front and large workshops to the rear, where a great number of expert hands are employed, aided by the best modern appliances. In the warehouse may be seen, in glass cases on the walls and in the centre of the showroom, every variety of rifled, choke, cylinder and repeating weapons, revolvers of various types, and sporting and

shooting accessories. Besides fitting their numerous private patrons with guns, the firm are contractors to the Royal Irish Constabulary, are large exporters to all parts of the world, and especially to India and the East. It is superfluous to say that their productions are recognized as second to none, and that the name of the firm has long been regarded as a guarantee of all that is excellent and reliable in guns, rifles, and revolvers.

An interesting feature is their "try gun," which is the only firing one in Ireland. At their range at Lansdowne Road a very pleasant morning may be spent, fitted up as it is with all sorts of artificial targets, disappearing birds, moving targets, running rabbits, and the latest addition—a patent shooting-practice snipe, which is an admirable device and very natural in its flight.



## THOMAS KEOGH,

Fishmonger and Poulterer, 6, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin.

THE prosperous condition of Dublin's fish and poultry trade is by no means the least interesting of the many commercial features that present themselves to the notice and attention of any reviewer of that City's trading activity; and the emporium in Lower Baggot Street, conducted under the above name, may at all times be accepted as representative of the success which characterises that branch of commerce in the Irish Capital at the present time. This is one of the oldest established houses in the trade and has for nearly sixty years been favoured with the support of wholesale and retail connections that the developments of modern trade competition have in no way tended to diminish. In endeavouring to cater liberally for all classes, Mr. THOMAS KEOGH has organised his business on a system whereby the most ample supplies are provided with daily regularity and with the punctuality appreciable especially by country patrons, among whom a very large proportion of the trade of the house is transacted. To the business of fishmonger Mr. KEOGH has added that of poulterer and vegetable dealer, his establishment thus forming a comprehensive and convenient source of family supply, and he misses no opportunity of increasing and improving his resources in the interests of an extensive city and suburban *clientèle*. Besides daily consignments of vegetables from his selected kitchen gardens, and an almost constant supply of poultry of every description, Mr. KEOGH's old and influential connection among the Irish fishermen enables him at all seasons to offer to the public, at the lowest possible ruling prices, the most choice, as well as the

more common (though not always less savoury), produce of sea and river. Every care is taken to ensure the excellence of all fish supplies during the interval between consignment and delivery, and the immense ice house at the rear of the establishment in Baggot Street presents a splendid instance of the extreme precautions observed to ensure the sound and fresh condition of every class of the perishable commodities dealt in. The supply of Wenham Lake and Rough Ice forms of itself a very important branch of Mr. KEOGH's trade, and, as an ice merchant of some note in this City, he is called upon to maintain an enormous and continuous supply. Of the large premises in Baggot Street, extending rearwards from that thoroughfare over an exceptionally long stretch of 200 yards, probably the most interesting feature is the careful arrangement to which the several departments are subjected, there being separate entrances to the fish stalls and to the vegetables, fruits, &c. In connection with the premises there is also an efficient feeding-house, the poultry being thus reared for the table under the immediate direction and supervision of the principal, and, from whatever point of view in which this house may be regarded, it is one that thoroughly fulfils all the useful and profitable purposes of its calling. After an uninterrupted career in the service of the public, it maintains the popularity and wide support to which its liberal advantages and satisfactory business systems entitle it, and as a concern which has long proved its adaptability to the needs of the least affluent, as well as the metropolitan *élite*, it requires no further or other endorsement than the renown it has so creditably earned and so well merits.

## JAMES McKENNY, M.R.C.V.S.,

Veterinary Surgeon, 116, Stephen's Green, W., Dublin.

AMONG the learned, influential, and useful body of professional men known as veterinary surgeons, a premier rank—so far as Ireland is concerned—must be assigned to the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review. The establishment over which Mr. McKENNY presides has been in existence for a period of fully half-a-century, having been founded originally by Mr. Dawson, we believe, in 1840. The business subsequently passed into the hands of Mr. Barron, to whom Mr. Paley succeeded. Mr. JAMES McKENNY entered upon the proprietorship some ten years ago, since which time the business has been conducted in a manner and on a scale of magnitude that finds no rival within the length and breadth of the kingdom. The premises, which are models of elegance in structure, utility, and internal appointment, are of considerable extent, and are most centrally situated in one of the leading localities of the Irish metropolis. The Veterinary Infirmary, which has recently been

enlarged and remodelled on the latest improved plans of ventilation and sanitation, is a marvel of perfect organisation, and reflects the highest credit upon the skill and enterprise of the popular proprietor. It contains accommodation for forty-six animals in large loose-boxes and stalls, which have been fitted up regardless of expense, also forming a characteristic feature of this important department. We note that opposite the horses' heads are glazed tiles, which are constantly kept in a state of supreme cleanliness, thereby insuring the most complete indemnity from contagious diseases to healthy animals entrusted to Mr. JAMES McKENNY for veterinary examination, or to be shod. Most of the boxes open into a large yard; this direct supply of pure air greatly tending to facilitate the recovery of animals suffering from disease, especially those suffering from pulmonary disorders. Mr. McKENNY in no department of his active professional operations has evinced a keener spirit of true enterprise than in the construction of what we believe to be a unique feature

in Ireland, namely, a veterinary Turkish bath. This branch has been perfected in the highest degree, acts most effectively, and unquestionably confers valuable aid to animals either in ordinary health or in the treatment of disease and in convalescence from same. As an indication of what has been achieved in this department, we may intimate that the temperature of the hot room can, if necessary, be raised in a few minutes to 210 deg. Fahr. The bathroom is also supplied with hot and cold water and a drinking-trough, and the apartment is tiled in a similar manner to the human Turkish bath. This luxury of cleanliness is by many of the most eminent veterinary authorities deemed indispensable in the treatment of disease. The shoeing forge of the establishment is well deserving of special mention, being one of the most thoroughly equipped we have ever inspected. Here a large staff of skilled shoeing smiths is employed, who, at the Irish Artizans' Industrial Exhibition, held in Dublin in 1886, were awarded a Medal and First Prize for an exhibit of racing, hunting, harness and draught horse shoes; and First Prize for a similar exhibit at the Bray Industrial Exhibition of 1891. These artizans have also secured, since the institution, by the Royal Dublin Society, in 1889, of an Annual Horse Shoeing Competition, two First and four Second Prizes thereat. Every operative accessory is at hand that can ensure the highest results in workmanship, and afford the least amount of suffering and the maximum of comfort to the members of the equine race which have the good fortune of being treated under the judicious supervision of Mr.

McKENNY. We would also desire to draw our readers' attention to the canine hospital which has been inaugurated at the establishment in question. The floor of the long room is cemented and divided into twelve compartments separated by iron sheets as an additional precautionary measure, each compartment being provided with a raised bench, chain and strap, water and feeding-trough; and, to ensure absolute cleanliness, the entire hospital is washed and subsequently sprinkled with deodorizing sawdust. This department has been in existence for several years, and so perfect are the arrangements that, during the hottest day of summer—even when every compartment is occupied—there is not the scintilla of a disagreeable odour. The less important departments of this great veterinary institution are, as regards perfect appointment, in thorough keeping with those already referred to. The saddle and harness room, the pharmacy, the surgery, and the riding and galloping ring are all that the most fastidious connoisseur could desire or suggest. Mr. McKENNY has, by his persistent endeavours to raise the character of his humane profession and to increase the possibilities of usefulness therein, earned at the hands of the public a gratitude which finds its expression in a magnificent connection which embraces most of the *élite* of Irish society, besides a large number of the English nobility and others buying horses in Ireland, by whom his skilful judgment and soundness of opinion in the veterinary examination of horses is much valued and sought for, and which promises to develop to even higher and more voluminous proportions.

### E. M. GOGGIN,

Bog Oak Ornament Manufacturer and Jeweller, 20a, Nassau Street, Dublin.

THE manufacture of ornaments from bog oak and other Irish natural products is an industry which offers unlimited scope for the exercise of artistic taste, and one which has been developed with almost remarkable success in Dublin and throughout the country. It is to such houses as that of Mr. E. M. GOGGIN that the best attainments in this branch of work may be fully accredited, and the establishment in Nassau Street presents the special interest of having been associated with the trade for more than half a century. The work for which the house was originally established, namely, the carving of bog-oak from its rough condition, has been supplemented by such operations as the polishing and embellishing of Connemara marble and Wicklow spar, the ornaments from which have become everywhere popular. It is almost impossible to conceive at the present time a single article of ornament or nick-nack that cannot be fashioned from bog oak. Candlesticks, paper knives, penholders, walking sticks, and a host of useful items illustrate the extent to which this much-favoured and always improving branch of industry can be carried. Mr. GOGGIN's emporium, with its neat frontage to Nassau Street and its well-arranged interior, conveys many pleasant and interesting impressions of the attractiveness of an industry and trade into which so much genuine art and expert handiwork have been introduced, and one of the most conspicuous evidences of ingenuity

in bog-oak carving is a first-rate model of the Irish jaunting car and miniature copies of the famous ancient Crosses of Monasboice and of Clan Macnoise and Kells of Tuam; also miniature models of the old round towers, models of old-fashioned mirrors, and old ancient drinking cups; while, in the marble goods, bracelets and ornaments for the neck predominate. The special excellencies of everything produced by Mr. GOGGIN may be estimated from the fact that he transacts a large continental business, sending novelties to places where they may be expected to come into comparison with foreign manufactures, and where they are, however, much prized and much demanded. He also deals with the American and Australian markets and commands a trade the character of which necessitates constant and increasing supply. The workers are, for the most part, employed at their own homes, all being artizans of especial aptitude and skill, and selected for their intimate acquaintance with the *technique* of the difficult art represented by Mr. GOGGIN. The central position of the establishment in Nassau Street tends to render it a favourite resort for visitors to Dublin, and its old-established standing in the City's trade finds due endorsement in the busy custom of which it is the centre, and the undiminished popularity and favour it retains after fifty years of continuous and uninterrupted support.



## JESSOP BROWNE'S WHEEL AND WAGGON WORKS, 104 and 105, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

THE prosperity and progressiveness of one particular branch of Ireland's productive activity find eminent illustration in the operations of the above-named concern, which is a very old-established centre of the wheel and waggon-making industry, and has attained a condition of development that the most casual visitor to the works at Great Brunswick Street cannot fail to comprehend. From the origin of the business, some seventy years ago, under the auspices of Mr. William Browne, down to the present time the working resources have been greatly extended and amplified with a view to provide for the great pressure imposed thereon by a trade which has extended far beyond the home limits. The plant in operation is one of the best that could possibly be devised, embracing, as it does, many novel and ingenious appliances, and the whole work is accelerated under conditions of precise and judicious management that reflect creditably on Mr. JESSOP BROWNE, who has been at the head of the undertaking since 1859. The powerful character of the equipment enables the proprietor to accomplish a great amount of work with the aid of a staff of from eighty to one hundred employés. At the same time a considerable part of the labour is executed by hand, and the reviewer will be at all times favourably impressed with the prevalence of numerous labour-saving appliances and the means that are adopted to overtake with rapidity every branch of work and to secure the prompt execution of every contract. That the proprietor operates more for special orders than for preserving goods in stock is evident in the constant daily output from the works and the almost inconceivable smartness and tact with which the most urgent or elaborate contracts are completed and forwarded to patrons all over the United Kingdom. It would be impossible, within the concise space of a sketch such as the present, to enumerate even one tithe of the operations upon which the firm enter. Vehicle wheels of every kind come under the scope of the industry exemplified at Mr. BROWNE'S works, and the range of waggons and other conveyances here awaiting treatment convey some idea of the versatility of a busy workshop where wheels of limitless sizes, extent, and variety are made and adapted to every condition of vehicular traffic. The aspect of busy activity and regularity which permeates the whole establishment is the one great outstanding feature of Mr. BROWNE'S undertaking. All the departments are complete and self-contained, and a

perfect smoothness regulates the operations throughout, while resources of no ordinary description are presented in the large forge, the timber store—replete with the various durable woods brought into use by the firm—and the principal workshop, offering a floorage area of 1,000 square yards. In fact, Mr. JESSOP BROWNE maintains facilities quite commensurate with the importance of the business and the extensive volume of trade controlled. The interests of a much-extended patronage are placed first in consideration, both as regards the sound efficiency of the work and the tariff of charges observed, and it is eminently creditable to the principal's unrelaxed enterprise that the productions of the house are everywhere gaining in requisition and demand. It must also be mentioned that Mr. JESSOP BROWNE is the sole proprietor of the Dublin Prize Medal Telescopic Fire Escape and Hose Ladder, protected by Her Majesty's Letters Patent and adopted with magnificent results by many of the most important metropolitan and provincial fire brigades. We may note in this place that the fire escape in question has been adopted in the following great centres of the United Kingdom and the European Continent: Dublin, London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dundee, Carlisle, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Greenock, Sheffield, Glasgow, Birkenhead, Douglas (Isle of Man), Clonmel, Kilkenny, Cork, Chester, Oporto, Penarth, Augsburg, Ennis, Rochdale, and Perth. Mr. JESSOP BROWNE'S Telescopic Fire Escape unquestionably possesses several important advantages over the fly-ladder escape previously in use. As will be conjectured by those unacquainted with the apparatus in question, it is erected on the telescope principle, instead of the usual fly-ladders. The escape can be fitted to any height by the top pieces being wound up by a winch, which is in a piece with the axletree of the road wheels. The escape being twice the ordinary width of the old-fashioned fly-ladder admits of firemen passing each other in ascent and descent when necessary. The sides are strengthened by galvanised iron lattice work, which also acts as a protection to persons ascending or descending, the lower of the three telescopic slides resting on a strong frame with a portion hinged to fold out so as to afford leverage as well as a perfect control over the machine. The success achieved has been of the most ample character, a series of medallic awards and certificates granted at the world's great exhibitions bearing valuable testimony to the excellence of the productions with which Mr. JESSOP BROWNE'S name is inseparably associated.

### J. T. DALLAS, Merchant Tailor, 4, Henry Street, Dublin.

THIS high-class house was established by Messrs. Gamble and Collier 18 years ago, and for the past three years has been under the personal management of the proprietor, Mr. J. T. DALLAS. The shop is well adapted, and fully stocked with high-class and fashionable materials. To the rear are the cutting-room and workshops. The establishment enjoys a valuable reputation not only for the variety and excellence of the materials provided

for selection, but for unexcelled tailoring. Fashionable cut, neat fitting, and genuine workmanship, culminating in a high order of production, are the acknowledged excellencies of the executive department. The trade lies mainly with the wealthy and fashionable circles of the City and its environs. Mr. DALLAS makes hunting breeches a speciality; he also does a considerable livery trade. Personally, he enjoys the esteem and respect of his influential circle of patrons.

THOMAS ROE (Successor to A. T. Moore),

Leather Merchant and Factor, 23 and 24, High Street, Dublin.

THE old-established and eminently respectable business conducted by Mr. THOMAS ROE, of Dublin, forms an important and widely supported representative of the City's leather trade, with which it has been creditably associated for upwards of seventy years. When first commenced at 161, James Street, its operations embodied the practical work of tanning and currying, now discontinued. On the death of the founder of the business, Mr. Thomas Moore, its control passed into the hands of his widow, under whom it was directed until 1852. In that year the firm of P. & T. Moore took up the present business premises in the High Street, and on the death of Alderman Moore (the survivor of that firm) his widow, Mrs. Anna Moore, assumed control, and successfully carried on the business until November, 1890, when she disposed of her whole interest in connection therewith to Mr. THOMAS ROE, who had previously acted as her manager for many years.

The continuous goodwill and support of old and influential connections have been carefully preserved by adherence to those first-rate principles of trading upon which the earlier successes of the house were based; and the resources that have been developed, in order to provide for the exigencies of a large and progressive trade, are apparent to anyone who has an opportunity of visiting the establishment in High Street and surveying

the several departments of a stock replete with all the best attainable products of the leather trade.

The premises present a substantial four-storey structure with a frontage of 60 feet and a rear depth of 150 feet, thus affording the most ample accommodation for supplies that are simply inexhaustible. The warehouse space is supplemented by extensive leather lofts and stores at the back of the premises, and, wherever available, the proprietor has made provision for a first-class stock, the technical merits and qualities of which require no endorsement. German crup vamps, shoe leather brogue, grain, cow-hide, patent and enamelled leathers, Irish and English bends, American hides, etc., all receive due representation along with ample and diversified assortments of curried, patent, and dressed leathers.

The complete equipments of the shoemaking and harness-making trades are provided from this centre with the efficiency and satisfaction to be expected of a house operating in the interests of all the departments of leather industry for nearly three-quarters of a century, and mention need only be made of the liberality and attentiveness of the proprietor, in order to afford a due illustration of the manner in which this concern has been rendered thoroughly acceptable to the needs of that branch of industry and commerce of which it has been so long a valuable and noteworthy factor.

## THE PNEUMATIC TYRE AND BOOTH'S CYCLE AGENCY, LTD.,

Oriel House, Westland Row, Dublin.

ONE of the most seriously difficult problems in connection with the popular pastime of cycling has been very successfully solved by the ingenious invention of Mr. J. B. Dunlop, V.S., of Belfast, which in the form of the pneumatic tyre has come into general use for all classes of machines since its introduction by this gentleman two years ago. Our attention having been directed to this clever invention, we recently paid a visit of inspection to the establishment of THE PNEUMATIC TYRE AND BOOTH'S CYCLE AGENCY, LIMITED, at Oriel House, Westland Row, with a view to an investigation of the merits of the new appliance. This agency was originally established fifteen years ago by Messrs. Booth Bros. and was converted into a Limited Liability Company under the above title in 1889, of which Mr. Harvey Ducros is the managing director. The premises at Westland Row comprise spacious showrooms, six in number, in which are exhibited splendid specimens of the leading makes in bicycles, tricycles, and safeties fitted with the new tyre. The chief advantages claimed for the Pneumatic in comparison with other tyres is the minimising at its source of the vibration—that fruitful cause of nervous exhaustion which is frequently more

trouble to the rider than the actual labour of propelling the machine—by reducing friction at the direct point of contact, accelerating the speed, and ensuring the comfort of the cyclist. The patent pneumatic tyre consists of a tube of rubber, filled with compressed air, enclosed in a strong canvas casing and protected by an outer covering of rubber—thick where it comes in contact with the ground, and tapering to the edges which overlap the rim of the wheel, in which is inserted a small tube containing a patent valve for the purpose of inflating the tyre, a process which only occupies a few moments. The manifest advantages presented by this invention have been rapidly recognised by all classes of riders, and its use is now almost universal, the entire cycling journals having received the Pneumatic with unanimous commendation, and its general adoption has completely revolutionised the trade. The principal works of the Company are at Dale Street, Coventry, in which 200 to 500 hands are employed according to the requirements of the season, and branch establishments have been opened at 31, Hatton Wall, London, and 31, Garfield Street, Belfast, in order to meet the demands of buyers in those centres.

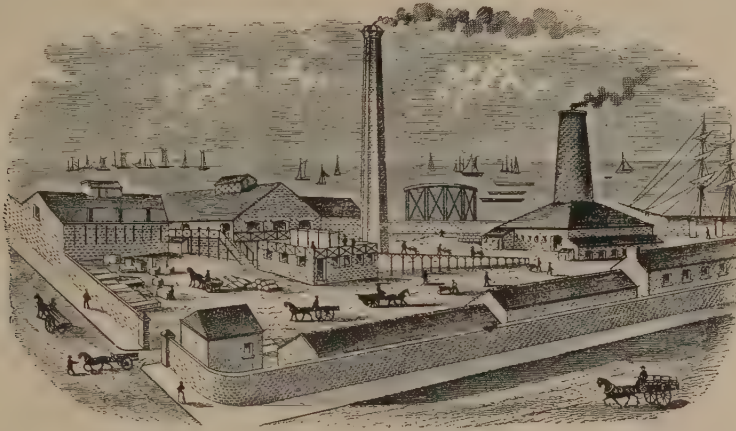


## THE IRISH GLASS BOTTLE CO.,

Charlotte Quay, Dublin. MESSRS. JAMES A. &amp; R. KING.

AMONG the more important manufacturing industries of Dublin distinctive recognition must be assigned to the operations of the IRISH GLASS BOTTLE COMPANY, whose extensive works on Charlotte Quay fully merit conspicuous mention in these reviews as eminently representative of this field of national enterprise. The business dates back in its formation to 1870, when it was

the works include all descriptions of whiskey, wine, claret, Burgundy, porter, and ale bottles both for home and export use—in fact all bottles required by merchants, shippers, brewers, and bottlers. Throughout the works gas is exclusively used for heating purposes, and this is manufactured on the ground, special plant having been laid down by the firm, who also import their own coals for its production. About three hundred workmen are



established by Messrs. James A. & R. King, who, after many years' successful trading, reconstituted the concern under the latest improved gas system about twelve months ago.

The Company's premises on Charlotte Quay are of great extent, covering a total area of five acres of ground, on which are erected the necessary buildings for carrying out the processes of manufacture. The productions of

employed in the manufactory in order to meet the requirements of the extensive trade done by the Company, which is the largest in Ireland, the total weekly output of the works amounting to the enormous aggregate of 1,300 gross of bottles; affording some indication of the magnitude and extent of the operations of the Company and the important proportions assumed by this branch of Irish industry.

## J. McCORMICK &amp; CO.,

Coal Merchants and Steamship Owners, 7, D'Olier Street, Dublin.

ONE of the most important business undertakings in this department of commercial enterprise in the City of Dublin is represented by the old-established house of Messrs. J. McCORMICK AND CO., Coal Merchants and Steamship Owners, which has now been in active existence since the early part of the present century. The business was originally established in 1805 by a Mr. Peile, who continued the trade until 1848, when it was acquired by Mr. J. McCormick, founder of the present firm. A few years later this gentleman purchased the business carried on by Mr. Carpenter (grandfather of the present Bishop of Ripon), and subsequently removed the offices to 7, D'Olier Street, formerly occupied by that gentleman. In addition, Messrs. McCORMICK have extensive wharves, coal stores, &c.,

between 38 and 49, City Quay, fitted with powerful cranes and other appliances for the rapid discharge of cargoes from steamers, &c. Messrs. McCORMICK are also proprietors of the Dublin and Mersey Steam Shipping Co., having a fine fleet of well-found boats trading between these ports in goods, passengers, and live stock, the Liverpool office being situated at 28, Brunswick Street. A very extensive trade has been established by the firm in each department of the business, Messrs. McCORMICK importing large quantities of the best coals from the principal Lancashire, Welsh, and Scotch mining districts for distribution in the City and the neighbourhood; and their shipping trade has long ranked among the most important in the Port of Dublin.

## P. DANIEL &amp; SONS,

Ironmongers, Tin-Plate Workers, and Hardware Dealers, 44, Grafton Street, Dublin.

A VERY old and eminent centre of Dublin's high-class ironmongery trade is presented in the house of Messrs. P. DANIEL & SONS, of Grafton Street, in whose commercial and practical operations there are embodied all the various departments indicated at the head of this brief sketch. From its commencement, in 1823, under the proprietary of Mr. P. Daniel, the business has maintained a leading and representative place in the branch of active work with which the name of the firm has come to be so intimately and creditably identified. Twenty-five years ago it came into the hands of the present principals, Messrs. George and Arthur Daniel, whose combined energies have contributed to maintain and promote the honourable reputation which sixty-eight years of successful trading have tended to acquire. To the thoroughfare of Grafton Street the premises present a double frontage which, though not so large or pretentious as many, conveys an appropriate idea of the character of the trade engaged in, while the interior extends rearwards over an exceptionally lengthy stretch of 300 feet as far as the adjacent street. Such ample space affords many facilities for display, of which due use has been made, and the premises at the extreme rear are lit from the roof in a manner which favours the inspection of a large and comprehensive stock. A spacious staircase gives access to three upper floors, throughout which the several assortments are arranged under a system of departmental method whereby orderliness and good taste are also secured. On the ground floor and towards the back of the establishment are the workshops, wherein hands are engaged in the manufacture of iron buckets, baths, deed boxes, and an immense range of kitchen utensils, quite exhausting the entire range of domestic equipments. Not the least important department of work engaged in by the firm is the retinning of copper stewpans and stockpots, while one of the most important branches of the work is bedstead making, wrought-iron bedsteads of considerable strength and substantiality being produced in the Grafton Street forge.

The constant wear and tear to which domestic ironmongery is subjected while in use in such institutions

as hotels and other large places of the kind has opened up a branch of work in which the firm are still actively employed, namely, the repair of every article that is included in the domestic appointment; while, as contractors, they enter upon the entire furnishing of hotels and restaurants with every ironmongery requirement, and this they are in a position to accomplish with the completeness of a firm whose supplies are practically as varied as they are inexhaustible. Holding direct communication with the leading foreign manufacturers, Messrs. DANIEL are frequently augmenting a stock which is already of considerable magnitude in every department. They are the only importers of the celebrated Stohwasser Reading Lamp and command a variety of lamps for every class of use and ornament. In this connection we may state that the firm supply everything that can come within scope of the lamp merchant's trade, and the needs of both residential and trading connections are fully anticipated. Among the specialities of the house are brushes, sponges and chamois leathers for the toilet, table, or house; kitchen ranges, grates, fenders, fire-irons, cooking utensils, copper enamelled and tinned iron saucepans and pots, refrigerators, mincing machines, knife cleaners, meat safes, and everything that can be expected to lighten the labour or improve the resources of the domestic *menage*. Other specialities are noted in garden tools, cutlery, hardware, and electroplate; and the supply of hospital cots and bedsteads for institutions represents a department for which the firm are well known. They are contractors for tin articles for lighthouses, and in this respect have supplied all the lighthouses round the Irish Coast. This they have done to the orders of the Lighthouse Commissioners for the past forty years, and the lengthy and continuous character of the contracts may sufficiently manifest the confidence in which the house is held.

From every point of view the business of Messrs. P. DANIEL & SONS affords an illustration of lengthy and uninterrupted prosperity sufficient to justify their high status in the trade and commerce of Dublin; and it commands a distinction and renown quite beyond the necessity of any written endorsement, and is unaffected by the competitive developments of modern times.

## JOHN HALLIGAN,

City of Dublin Flour Mills, Usher's Island, Dublin.

THESE mills form one of the landmarks of the City, and have been in operation for over a century, Mr. Richard O'Callaghan having been succeeded by the present owner, Mr. JOHN HALLIGAN, whose connection with them dates back more than thirty years. The City of Dublin Flour Mills are of five storeys, and extend over a large space. Both steam and water power is provided—the only mill driven by water power in the City. The machinery is almost entirely of the Simon's improved roller plant. Ample

stores for grain are also provided on the premises, the arrangements for hoisting and transport being exceptionally convenient. The output is limited to a number of brands of fine flour, which has one of the highest reputes in the market, and is always in steady demand, its manufacture affording constant work to a large experienced staff. Mr. HALLIGAN, who personally directs the business, is highly esteemed in the City, and has long enjoyed the confidence of an old-established and widespread connection there, and, indeed, throughout Ireland.



**LUNDY, FOOT, & CO.,****Tobacco and Snuff Manufacturers, 26, Parliament Street, Dublin.**

IN connection with the tobacco and snuff trade of the United Kingdom there is no individual house of more widely-extended repute or creditable character than the old-established firm of Messrs. LUNDY, FOOT, & COMPANY, of 26, Parliament Street, Dublin. This world-renowned enterprise was founded so long ago as the year 1780, and for obvious reasons has ever been conducted under the existing trade-designation. The premises occupied by the firm comprise a block of buildings which unquestionably constitutes one of the most striking features of Parliament Street. The factory, situated at rear of the warehouse and retail department, is of the most extensive proportions, and in the matter of arrangement and equipment is unsurpassed in the trade. The machinery and appliances are of the most modern description; and it is evident, from an inspection of the premises, that no expense has been spared to render the various manufacturing operations of the establishment both economical and easy. The goods entrance is at rear of the imposing five-storey block of buildings, and here the bales or casks of tobacco leaf in the dried and compressed condition in which it is imported from the plantations of Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky are received. On admission into the factory the tobacco is submitted to a steeping process for one or two days, according to the nature of the leaf. It then passes through the process of "stripping," the stalk being taken from the leaf, and the latter is sorted into different grades, according to the various colours. The material is subsequently passed through cutting machines driven by powerful machinery, or spun into Irish twist. The hard roll tobacco is first spun on machines worked by girls and afterwards transferred to

powerful screw presses, capable of exerting a pressure of over a hundred tons, and here the leaf and fibrous matter are consolidated to the requisite consistence. The roll tobacco, so familiar among working men, is simply an assortment of leaves, in a prepared condition, skilfully and rapidly rolled into its well-known shapes. A pleasing feature in the establishment is its cleanliness throughout, the employment of girls in every department where they can work with safety, and the respectable appearance of the latter, which is evidence of a proper system of discipline and supervision.

But it is as snuff manufacturers that the firm first acquired its cosmopolitan reputation. Who has not heard of "Lundy Foot's Snuff," an exquisitely aromatic preparation of pure and unadulterated tobacco? The notoriety of this finely flavoured article, which bears the somewhat equivocal title of "Irish Blackguard," has extended into all lands, and it is almost as well known in China, India, Japan, and Australasia as among the hills and valleys of Erin. The firm's retail department is elegantly fitted up and appointed, displaying a very extensive and varied stock to the best advantage. There is a most choice assortment of British and foreign cigars of the finest brands, and a large and varied stock of loose and packet tobaccos and cigarettes. The business in every department displays its extent and importance, and is yearly developing under the able business capacity and enterprise brought to bear upon it. The house, beyond all question, ranks among the leading industrial institutions of Ireland's metropolitan City both in respect of the importance of its manufactures, the influential character of its connections, and the widespread range of its business operations.

**GEORGE NORTON, Wholesale Glass, China, and Earthenware Merchant,  
Henry Street, Dublin.**

THIS flourishing business dates back some eight years, its establishment and present commanding position being due to the present owner, Mr. GEORGE NORTON. Up to a recent date the well-known premises in Moore Street, in which the business had been carried on since its inception, formed the *locale* of its operations. The necessities of enlarged accommodation, incidental to the greatly enlarged volume of the trade, compelled a removal to the above address, where four capacious flats afford every present accommodation, as well as facilities for further development. The splendid front showroom has a frontage of forty feet, while the total rear extent is quite two hundred feet. Both in the front saleroom and in the warehouses to the rear and above an immense and select stock is carried in glass, china, and earthenware goods of every description. The opening of the new premises has, in fact, been signalized by the provision of an exceptional range of high-class goods, including all the newest patterns and designs.

Cut and pressed glassware, table items and ornaments of the best home and foreign makes, stone ware, yellow ware, and earthenware (the latter class containing many fine table services in rich designs), and china in all the favourite patterns and for every purpose form the main sections of the stock. Specialities in teapots and domestic pieces are literally too numerous to mention. The selection indicates Mr. NORTON's far-reaching knowledge of the trade, and cannot fail to gain still further the support of Irish houses. The arrangements for packing are exceptionally good, and a staff of picked packers is kept, thus obviating the usual loss to buyers, in the matter of breakages, as far as possible. We need not say that the creditable position held by the house is founded on solid grounds, and we have no fear that its capable and enterprising owner has yet reached the limits of his success. We may note that a priced and descriptive catalogue can be had, on application, free.

**BROOKS & CO. (R. J. Downes, L.P.S.I.), 136, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin.**

ONE of the oldest of our pharmaceutical establishments—that of Messrs. BROOKS & Co.—is now conducted by Mr. R. J. Downes, L.P.S.I., the well-known Pharmacist, to whose courtesy we are indebted for this opportunity of briefly outlining the history of the undertaking. The business was originally established, half a century ago, under the title of Messrs. BROOKS & Co., Chemists and Druggists, and was continued under their proprietorship for many years, subsequently passing into the hands of the above-named gentleman. The premises occupied by Mr. Downes are centrally situated at 136, Lower Baggot Street, and comprise handsomely appointed drug stores of very commodious proportions, providing ample facilities for the operations of the business, and fitted throughout with tasteful effect. The stock in each department is of a varied and comprehensive character, including a wide range of the purest chemicals and drugs, patent and proprietary medicines, elegant toilet preparations and requisites, medical and surgical necessities, choice perfumes, and a great variety of illuminating oils, methylated spirits, and household requirements in drysalteries, &c. A noteworthy *spécialité* produced at the establishment is a new and important addition to the Pharmacopœia

introduced by Mr. Downes in his preparation of “Sol. Iodi,” recommended for cases in which iodine is usually employed, and which possesses many advantages over all other preparations used for similar purposes. It is freely absorbed through the skin, which it neither blisters nor discolours; and, as an improvement on the older methods, has evoked the encomiums of the leading members of the Faculty of Medicine and the unanimous approval of the medical journals. Just as these lines are being penned three testimonials attract our attention. One of these bears the celebrated name of Dr. Corly, late President of the College of Surgeons, Ireland, who was one of the first to recognise the value and merits of “Sol. Iodi.” Dr. Davis D. Tate, late Assistant Medical Officer at Mountjoy Convict Prison, Dublin, bears similarly unimpeachable testimony, while General Tulloch writes from Grange Park, Ealing, near London, highly characterising the value and importance of “Sol. Iodi.” as a remedy for rheumatism and strains. A first-class business has been established by Mr. Downes in each department, special attention being directed by this gentleman to the dispensing branch, in which, by employing only competent assistants, absolute accuracy in the preparation of physicians’ prescriptions, etc., is guaranteed.

**W. V. COLEMAN,**

Stationer, Printer, Engraver, and Importer of Fancy Goods, 9, Henry Street, Dublin.

MR. COLEMAN opened the above establishment about a year ago, and has met with a very large amount of success. The building is one of special architectural merit, offering a most suitable *locale* for an artistic and fancy goods business. Private and office stationery, engraved and embossed work, and the multitudinous items in various mediums which belong to the fancy goods trade form leading sections in the display, while heraldic stationery and cards of all kinds (private, wedding, invitation, ball, *menu*, etc.) may

claim particular notice as *spécialités*. The premises extend about sixty feet to the rear, and here are situated the printing, embossing, mounting, engraving, gilding, and other executive departments, affording employment to a considerable staff. The work turned out is uniformly of the highest order, and has won an excellent position for the house, with many private and business patrons. Mr. COLEMAN, who knows the business thoroughly, personally directs its operations, and deservedly enjoys a rapidly expanding and valuable patronage.

**HENRY REDDICK,**

China, Glass, Delph, Ironmongery, Chandlery, and Oil Warehouse, 2, Duggan Place, Rathmines, Dublin.

THIS large and comprehensive business has been carried on for seven years by the present proprietor, Mr. HENRY REDDICK, with unvarying success. The premises comprise a fine shop with two large windows, and extending to a considerable depth, and behind this are large storerooms. Household ironmongery, and hollow ware, china, glass, and delph, and a variety of similar goods form the general stock, which is supplemented by a fine display of lamps, the special feature

perhaps of the concern; and in this connection we may note that burning oils of the first quality are always largely stored. Practically all classes are catered for, and the support of the public is liberal. From his long experience and judicious enterprise, Mr. REDDICK derives unusual qualifications for conducting a business of this nature, and is deservedly relied on by the residents in this fine suburb to provide them with everything in the special lines represented of the best quality and at the fairest price.



## JOHN KEHOE, Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer, Furniture Remover,

Prize Medal Bedding Manufacturer, and Valuator, 40, 41, and 42, South Richmond Street, Dublin.

"SELF-RELIANCE," the appropriate motto which Mr. JOHN KEHOE adopted on commencing business ten years ago, has become indissolubly associated in the metropolitan mind with the flourishing establishment which he carries on in South Richmond Street. Mr. KEHOE's career has an unusual interest. Mr. KEHOE served his time as an upholsterer in Messrs. Arnott and Co.'s, Henry Street, and here devised the well-known reversible spring mattress, patented and vended by that leading city firm. Subsequently we find him occupying the position of foreman in three other eminent Dublin houses, where he gained further insight into the mechanical and artistic secrets of the trade. In November, 1881, Mr. KEHOE started business for himself on a small scale. Following on his first invention, we find him, in 1882, carrying off the gold medal of the Dublin Exhibition in the face of the competition of the first houses in the kingdom. The highest award for upholstery work also fell to him, and he was now recognised as a man with an *avenir*. The original small premises have from time to time been added to, forming the present capacious and handsome establishment. Workshops were started in the basement for cabinet makers and upholsterers, the business of appraising and property agency were added, and last, but not least, the familiar "Self-Reliance" furniture removing vans made their *début*. Meanwhile, in the Artizans' Exhibition, he gained the only prize medal for bedding and two first-class certificates for upholstery work, and at the suggestion of Surgeon Carley, of Merrion Square, late President of the Royal College of Surgeons, he invented the famous portable operating table, of which we will have something to say further on. The premises at present occupied comprise the South Richmond Street establishment, and stores, factory, and stables in Richmond Place and Richmond Row. Every accommodation is provided for the several branches of the business, and the various departments are managed and superintended by the proprietor in person. In addition to the

specialities already referred to, every description of artistic and substantial household furniture is on view, and the house enjoys a reputation second to none for renovation and repairs, and the restoration and inlaying of antique furniture receives particular attention. Among the other departments, that devoted to furniture removal is the chief, and its equipment and organisation is in every way perfect. Mr. KEHOE is justly proud of his furniture removal business, because his success there was in a line with which he had no practical acquaintance. In this department the house possesses testimonials of the most flattering description from many of the nobility and leading men of the day, from which our space only allows us to quote the following:—"Count Plunket has much pleasure in stating that the Irish-made furniture, produced to his order by Mr. KEHOE, is admirable in design, quality, and finish, and moderate in price; and it reflects the greatest credit on our home manufactures." The portable operating couch has won golden opinions from the most eminent surgeons. Dr. Corley introduced it specially to the members of his college, and when *six of the heaviest members*, weighing about half a ton, got upon it at once, without the least sign of deflection, the admiration and approval of the invention resulted in "orders" on the spot. C. B. Ball, F.R.C.S.L., writes:—"I have used the Portable Operating Couch of Mr. JOHN KEHOE for some years. I have found it of the greatest possible use in private practice. Looking like an innocent Gladstone bag when closed, it forms a firm and good operating table when open." C. Yelverton Pearson, M.D., F.R.C.S., Eng., Professor of Materia Medica, Owen's College, Cork; and Assistant Surgeon to the North Charitable Infirmary, has "had a fair trial of the Portable Surgical Table, and found it in all respects most convenient and satisfactory. It is certain to prove acceptable to surgeons for private operations." *Verbum sat sapienti*. We conclude by wishing Mr. KEHOE every success, and regret that the limits of our space prevent us from that full illustration of his enterprise and achievements which they so conspicuously deserve.

## THE NORTH STAR HOTEL,

25 to 30, Amiens Street, Dublin. MR. J. C. MALONE, Proprietor.

ONE of the most centrally situated hotels in Dublin is the "NORTH STAR," which has recently been acquired by Mr. J. C. Malone, and under his spirited and enterprising management this establishment affords every indication of increasing its former popularity with commercial gentlemen and other visitors to the City. The hotel buildings include Nos. 25 to 30, Amiens Street, directly facing the Great Northern Terminus, and having just been completely enlarged, re-decorated, and re-furnished at a large expenditure of cost, now form a first-class modern establishment replete with every comfort and convenience for a considerable number of guests. The accommodation includes spacious commercial room,

dining and drawing-rooms, finely fitted bar, and sixty airy and comfortably furnished bedrooms. The most scrupulous attention is devoted to the perfection of the sanitary arrangements, and absolute cleanliness is a marked feature in every department of the establishment. A first-class *cuisine* has been organised, and the attendance leaves nothing to be desired. The general arrangements of the management are carried out under the personal supervision of the proprietor, and we may aver from experience that Mr. Malone is untiring in his efforts to promote the comfort and convenience of his visitors, who may rely upon obtaining at the "NORTH STAR" something very much warmer than a "Polar" welcome at exceedingly moderate charges.

**HARRISON & CO.,**

**Restaurateurs, Cooks, and Catering Confectioners, 17, Henry Street, Dublin.**

DUBLIN, as well becomes a City possessed of all the characteristics of a great metropolitan community, abounds with excellent restaurants, and among such establishments for the refreshment of the "inner man" that controlled by Messrs. HARRISON AND COMPANY, of 17, Henry Street, is deservedly notable and prosperous. Mr. J. W. Harrison, the head of the concern, commenced his operations here as a restaurateur, pastry-cook, and confectioner sixteen years ago. The premises comprise a fine shop on the ground floor, with spacious dining-rooms at rear, and on the floor above a ladies' room, with an extra gentlemen's room of a more private order than that downstairs. All these apartments are roomy and commodious; the appointments in each instance are exceedingly handsome; and the decorations have been executed in a most tasteful and artistic spirit. As restaurateurs, Messrs. HARRISON AND COMPANY are known and esteemed by every Dublin citizen of an epicurean turn of mind. The daily luncheons, dinners, and teas at this establishment are

gastronomic institutions — enduring, successful, and endowed with the favour, approval, and patronage of a goodly proportion of Dublin's worthy brotherhood of *bons vivants*. As confectioners and pastrycooks, Messrs. HARRISON AND COMPANY are no less well reputed. Their goods of every description are exclusively of a *premiere classe*. In the manufacture of wedding and christening cakes, the firm has acquired a fame which extends far beyond the boundary-lines of Ireland's metropolitan City. A similarly high standard of excellence pertains to the jellies, ices, sultana and other cakes prepared at this first-rate establishment. The business in every department is conducted on principles that merit the splendid degree of success which unquestionably attends every transaction of the firm. Mr. J. W. Harrison caters for a very aristocratic and influential connection, including, among other patrons, the Right Honourable Lord Ardilaun, a fact which testifies in an unmistakable manner to the excellence of Messrs. HARRISON AND COMPANY'S elegant and appetizing comestibles.

**HALLIDAY BROTHERS,**

**Family Grocers and Italian Warehousemen, 11, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin.**

IN indicating to our readers the most interesting features of Commercial Dublin, we have pleasure in introducing to their notice the old-established business house of Messrs. HALLIDAY BROTHERS, Family Grocers and Italian Warehousemen, No. 11, Lower Baggot Street, as eminently representative of this important trade. The business was originally established thirty years ago by the senior principal of the firm, who was subsequently joined in the proprietary by his brother, trading in the style indicated at the head of this notice. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated at the above address, and comprise commodious shop with splendid plate-glass frontage of imposing proportions, in which is displayed with tasteful effect a choice assortment of high-class goods. The interior is of spacious dimensions, measuring 60 feet by 30 feet in

width, and is excellently appointed throughout, providing every convenience for the operations of the trade. The stock in each department has been carefully selected from the first markets, and includes the choicest growths of Indian, China, and Ceylon teas of the highest qualities; coffees, fruits, spices; the best brands of home and foreign produce; a great variety of Italian warehouse goods; and household and domestic requirements of every description in the trade. An extensive and very substantial family connection has been established by the firm, who, although surrounded on every side by the largest provision purveyors in Dublin, well maintain their position in the trade, and have, by their energy, enterprise, and resolution, more than held their own, in spite of the fierce competition which they have successfully overcome.

**J. B. SEDGWICK,**

**Artist, Scenic Painter, Decorator, &c., The Golden Palette, 72, Aunquier Street, Dublin.**

MR. SEDGWICK, who started business on his own account some two years ago, has made very conspicuous contributions to the reputation of the Metropolis as an artistic centre. His salerooms at the address above are worth a visit, and contain varied examples of his artistic skill, distinguished alike by correct technique and æsthetic merit. The ground covered is exceptionally extensive, the main lines being floral painted window blinds, art window screens (of which Mr. SEDGWICK is the originator), theatrical scene painting (largely carried on in his Ranelagh studio), all kinds of sign writing, swinging signs, glass tablets and show cards, gilding on glass, embossing on glass (which is a speciality), glass, brass, opal, wood, and enamel letters, artists' materials

(including the excellent "Golden Palette" art colours, which are proprietary), and various decorators' accessories. In the matter of decoration, Mr. SEDGWICK undertakes church decoration, ornamental ceiling painting, panels, painted landscapes, &c., picture-frame gilding, and general house and shop decorative work. Mr. SEDGWICK is a thorough master of the various ancient, mediæval, and modern styles of decoration; and, as all work is carried on under his personal superintendence, a satisfactory result can always be relied on. Theatrical work is a speciality and engages a large portion of his attention. Mr. SEDGWICK is well known in the City as a specialist, and enjoys a large and representative patronage.



**KINAHAN & COMPANY, LIMITED, Dublin and London.**

DUBLIN:—Carlisle Building, D'Olier Street; Wine Vaults, Denzille Street; Rectifying Distillery, Boyne Street.

LONDON:—Guildford Street, York Road, Lambeth (Co. Surrey).

To any review of Dublin's prosperous and progressive trading features, a sketch of the celebrated house of Messrs. KINAHAN AND COMPANY, LIMITED, must contribute an important and somewhat especial interest, presenting as it does an instance of commercial longevity and enterprise to which the Irish trade records afford, perhaps, only a few parallels. The business, of which the above recently-organised Company represents the successful development, had its beginning in the year 1779, and from that early period until the present time it has maintained a distinctive and creditable place among the few really

colonial and foreign markets has assumed vast proportions. The necessity for an outlet which fifty years' London business has tended to impose is to be noted in the great extension of their premises, whereby the several branches of the trade, hitherto provided for at Great Titchfield Street, Oxford Street, and Commercial Street East, have become consolidated and centred in their splendid new Offices and Bonded Stores at Guildford Street, Lambeth, in the county of Surrey, where there exists every facility for the economical development of the business, and where the various appointments, as well as the arrangements for the storage and maturing



successful and important undertakings that have preserved the world-wide repute of this country in association with spirit distillation and with the sale of wines and spirits of the first order. With the exception of their honourable and long-standing identity with the famous domestic luxury known as "Kinahan's Port," there are none of the productions of this firm in greater demand, or possessing more uniform popularity, than the "Kinahan's Whisky" and "Kinahan's LL Whisky," upon which the renown and eminence of the house are so securely established. For over half a century the firm's London depôt has formed the centre of a great volume of home trade, while the export trade to the Continent, China, India, Australia, and all the

of a magnificent stock of whisky, are on a standard of completeness consistent with Messrs. KINAHAN's status and distinction.

Probably no structural feature of Dublin is more familiar than the attractive Carlisle Building, occupying a prominent corner position near Carlisle Bridge, renamed O'Connell Bridge by the Corporation of Dublin, and forming the centre and headquarters of the large business now controlled by KINAHAN AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The entrance door in D'Olier Street is particularly deserving of notice. Over the door to the board room may be observed a Crown and LL, the distinctive title of the world-renowned whisky which has rendered the

name of KINAHAN so famous, huge vats of which will be found in the cellars underneath by those who may desire to visit them. The Warrant of Appointment as purveyors of wines and spirits to Her Majesty the Queen was signed by Lord Liverpool March 15th, 1845, and the more recent one now in use was signed by Lord Sydney December 24th, 1884. The wine vaults in Denzille Street in three divisions, running parallel with each other, are of great length, and fitted up with stone and iron bins; and it would be difficult to conceive a more interesting sight than the long perspective of casks with which the central arch is stored, the surrounding rows of wine bins, and the whitewashed brick walls and gas reflectors, which render very lightsome the long rear stretch of 250 feet. There is here an aggregate of 500 bins containing wines that bear the guarantee of years of maturity. Upon the next floor the visitor is introduced to a further stock of Messrs. KINAHAN'S Clarets, a commodity which for purity and sound merit ranks second only to the firm's widely known Port. On the same floor a room 200 feet deep constitutes the stout and beer-bottling department. Among the many ingenious appliances which Messrs KINAHAN bring to bear upon their extensive bottling industry we observed some of Thompson's bottle-washing and corking machines, by means of which the work is greatly accelerated. The equipment of the dispatch room, with elevator and loading waggons, may be said to indicate the complete manner in which provision has been made for the requirements of a business in which there is a constant and heavy output. That the practical resources of the house

are thoroughly self-contained will be understood when we say that, at the Cooperage in Denzille Street, casks are made and repaired, and the very aspect of the cask stores adjoining tends to emphasize the importance and magnitude of a business to which it would be difficult to assign any precise limits.

The Rectifying Distillery is close at hand in Boyne Street, with all available facilities for carrying on the necessary operations.

The entire control of the concern—the maintenance of its abundant resources, and the regular consignment of supplies to its distributive centres and to its numerous *clientèle* at home and abroad—is still very much in the hands of the Kinahan family, to whom the business owes its origin, and under whose proprietary its valuable interests have been so faithfully preserved. The Chairman of the Company is Mr. George Kinahan, J.P., of Roebuck Park, Dundrum (Director of the Bank of Ireland). The other Directors are Sir E. H. Hudson Kinahan, Baronet, of Wyckham, Dundrum (Director of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Co.), and Mr. Edward R. Read (Director of the National Assurance Co.). The Managing Directors are Mr. Thomas W. Kinahan and Mr. George Percy Kinahan, who superintend the Dublin and London establishments respectively. Apart from the firm's creditable association with every honourable principle of trade, we need hardly add that no more prosperous or more flourishing concern exists in the United Kingdom at the present time; and its financial progress since its formation on a limited liability basis in 1890 must be highly gratifying to all who hold interest in the affairs of Messrs. KINAHAN AND COMPANY.

### JAMES F. MASSEY,

Bassinette and Fancy Toy Maker, 64, Lower Camden Street, Dublin.

THE manufacture of children's carriages is one to which a great amount of attention has been turned of late years, and finds a striking representation in the concern of Mr. JAMES F. MASSEY at the above address. The business has been carried on for twenty years, having been originated by the late Mr. Armstrong, to whom Mr. MASSEY succeeded two years ago. The premises include a most attractive shop and a well-equipped factory behind. The stock includes all the favourite novelties in bassinettes and mail carts, such specialities as the "Patent Hammock



Woodenette" (for which Mr. MASSEY is agent), Bath chairs, and a rare assortment of fancy toys. Most of the fine goods on view have been made on the premises, and do great credit to the executive skill of the workshops. They are mostly designed for the wealthy and well-to-do, and are largely favoured by the residents in the fashionable suburbs of the City. Mr. MASSEY has a monopoly of this branch of industry in Dublin both for manufacture and repairs. He is an enterprising business man, and has scored a very conspicuous and distinct success.



**ROBERT FARQUHARSON, Building Contractor,**

Jones' Road, Dublin.

AN important branch of industry is represented in Dublin by Mr. ROBERT FARQUHARSON, Building Contractor, whose extensive business operations in the district fully merit recognition in these reviews of the principal representative houses in the South of Ireland. The business was originally established by Mr. FARQUHARSON nearly a quarter of a century ago, and has since been carried on under his immediate supervision. The business is centred in most commodious and convenient premises at Jones' Road, which cover a space of nearly two acres in extent, on which are erected large timber stores, drying sheds, and spacious masons' workshop. Over the latter is an extensive and well-lighted joiners' shop, 94ft. by 24ft., fitted with the most improved modern machinery, motive power for which is supplied by a Stockport gas engine of 6 h.p. At the entrance to the yard is a well-appointed suite of offices, and the whole arrangements are in a scale of completeness and efficiency necessary for carrying out a business of this magnitude and importance. Mr. FARQUHARSON undertakes the execution of contracts for the erection of

private, public, and ecclesiastical buildings of any dimensions, amongst his more notable achievements in the latter branch of the business being the completion of the new Presbyterian Church at Clontarf; St. Thomas' Parochial Hall, Marlborough Street; the Church at Baggot Rath; St. Thomas' Church, Marlborough Street; Adelaide Road Church; and a large Lecture Hall in Abbey Street for the U. P. Church; while among the contracts at present in hand is one for extensive additions to Christ Church Cathedral. Outside ecclesiastical structures many large contracts have been successfully carried out, and Mr. FARQUHARSON had the building of the first new business house in Lord Edward Street, which was erected in 1887 for Thomas Mayne, Esq., ex-M.P. About sixty skilled workmen are now employed on the various orders in course of completion, and this number can of course be greatly augmented according to the requirements of the contracts in hand. In addition to the above Mr. FARQUHARSON carries on an extensive branch of the plumbing and sanitary business in all its latest improvements.

**WALPOLE BROTHERS,**

Irish Table Damask and Linen Manufacturers, 16, Bedford Street, Belfast;

8 and 9, Suffolk Street, Dublin; and 89, New Bond Street, London.

THE most important of Irish national industries is represented in Dublin by the eminent and old-established house of Messrs. WALPOLE BROTHERS, Irish Table Damask and Linen Manufacturers and Ladies' and Children's Outfitters, which has for the extended period of a century and a quarter been associated with this branch of commercial activity. The business was originally established A.D. 1766 by the ancestors of the present proprietors, and has since that date been continued by members of the family, of whom the present representatives are Messrs. Edward and George Walpole. The Dublin establishment is situate at 8 and 9, Suffolk Street, the premises comprising handsome and commodious sale warehouse having a commanding frontage to that leading thoroughfare and extending rearwards a depth of 200 feet. The interior is very finely appointed, every detail of the arrangements indicating the high-class character of the firm's trade in the several departments of the business. The stock is almost exclusively representative of national manufactures, including the finest qualities of Irish damask table linen, linen sheetings, pillow linens, linens, lawns and cambrics, cambric handkerchiefs, linen and cotton diapers, huck and diaper towelling, rubbers,

glass cloths, &c.; travelling rugs, blankets, flannels, quilts and down coverlets, cotton sheetings, curtains, ladies' and children's underclothing and hosiery, and children's costumes in all the newest modes. As the greater portion of their underclothing orders are hand-sewn, this is a real Irish industry which (apart from the superiority of the work and finish) deserves to be encouraged. Table covers and chair backs, &c., &c.

The firm undertakes to weave into damask—crests, monograms, &c., *free of charge* to clients ordering at their establishment, and sketches and designs for this purpose will be forwarded on application. The headquarters of the business are at 16, Bedford Street, Belfast, which constitutes the wholesale department, and Messrs. WALPOLE have also a fine branch establishment at 89, Bond Street, London, W. Prices are the same in all their branches.

The business is very successful in each department and has long enjoyed the highest Court patronage, Messrs. WALPOLE holding the Royal Warrant by appointment to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, His Excellency The Lord Lieutenant, and the principal members of the nobility and landed gentry in the United Kingdom.

**E. & C. FIGGIS, Wholesale Tea Merchants, 10, Fownes Street, Dublin.**

Branch Office—Muscovy Court, Tower Hill, London, E.C.

THE well-known tea warehouse of Messrs. E. & C. FIGGIS is one of long standing and distinctly high-class wholesale connections not only in Dublin, but also in London, where the firm have a warehouse (Muscovy Court, Tower Hill, E.C.) situate in the very centre of the English metropolitan tea trade. The business was founded about half-a-century ago by Mr. E. J. Figgis, father of the gentlemen who now so ably control the destinies of the house. The Dublin premises comprise spacious warehouses, heavily stocked with a variety of the choicest products of the Indian and Ceylon tea markets. The establishment is fitted in the most suitable style in every detail, and presents a decidedly thriving and attractive appearance. In every part of Ireland the name of the firm has become, among grocers and purveyors, a household word, and the amount of business transacted must of necessity

be very great. It is not part of the business of the present industrial review to speak in fulsome terms of the mercantile houses that, by reason of their representative character, merit distinct notice, but we should fall short of what we owe to these annals if we omitted to classify the house of Messrs. E. & C. FIGGIS among those premier establishments—in its particular line—which reflect modern Irish commerce in its best character, and which, by consistent and straightforward business method, tend to elevate the country's trade to an even higher standard of successful attainment than Ireland's most sanguine commercial critics have yet realized as possible under existing conditions. We heartily wish Messrs. E. & C. FIGGIS a long continuance of their undoubted mercantile success not only in Ireland, but also among their extensive connections spread throughout the length and breadth of Her Majesty's British dominions.

**J. HOPPER,****Vice-Regal and Ladies' Tailor and Habit Maker, 14, Dawson Street, Dublin.**

AMONG the noteworthy houses of the fashionable thoroughfare of Dawson Street, that of Mr. THOMAS HOPPER, Vice-Regal and Ladies' Tailor and Habit Maker, is one of the most eminent and distinguished. This high-class business was established by Mr. HOPPER, the present proprietor, a great many years ago, and has long enjoyed a deserved support from the aristocratic and wealthy classes of the City and of a great part of Ireland. The interior of the shop is suitably fitted in mahogany, and displays all the latest fashionable materials and designs in its superb stock. The making-

up department is the special feature of the concern, and enjoys the highest reputation for fashion, style, and finish, a great number of hands being engaged in the various operations under the best supervision. The proprietor personally directs the general work of the establishment, and enjoys the foremost position in this branch of trade in the Irish metropolis. He is Habit Maker to the Vice-regal Court, and has won the encomiums of such an eminent patroness as the Countess of Zetland, whose approval cannot but add additional lustre to an already brilliant reputation.

**SAMUEL WORTHINGTON,****Contractor; Timber, Slate, and Cement Merchant;****Portobello Saw Mills, 50 and 51, Richmond Street, S., Dublin. Telephone No. 155.**

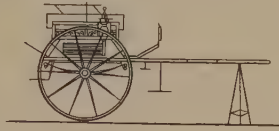
THE Portobello Saw Mills and Building and Contracting Yards were established some years ago by Sir George Mayers, to whom a couple of years back the present popular proprietor, S. WORTHINGTON, Esq., J.P., succeeded. The establishment has been designed and fitted upon the best modern lines, covers a great space of ground, and presents a mechanical equipment of the completest and most improved modern design. The saw mills, in addition to the various circular and other saws, are replete with the finest plant for planing, moulding, mortising, tenoning, and similar operations, and near by is a range of joinery shops with every modern appliance. The remainder of the extensive

premises serves as a great building concern, with stores for materials, plant, fittings, and the various essentials for carrying out large or small contracts. Timber, slates, and cements are always heavily stocked. Mr. WORTHINGTON undertakes the erection of buildings and their complete fitting, whether for public or private purposes, and has already completed several extensive contracts. The number of hands employed is necessarily large, but the figures vary with the occasion and the season. Splendid offices and a complete distributive organisation complete the establishment. The influential owner holds a premier place in trade circles, and is no less popular with all classes of the business world of Dublin with which he comes into contact.



**JOHN CARPENTER, Carriage and Car Builder,  
8, Lower Camden Street, Dublin.**

No branch of industry has a better reputation in the Irish Metropolis than that of carriage building, the fine workmanship, sound material, and elegant finish of Dublin-made vehicles being unexcelled by those of any other celebrated centre of the trade. The title of one of the old-established City houses in this line stands above, and the house itself merits a few words of notice in these pages. The business was inaugurated 30 years back by the present owner, Mr. JOHN CARPENTER, in Great Brunswick Street, and remained there till the steady increase of the business made a removal to the present more commodious premises imperative. The frontage is not very extensive, but the rear affords the amplest



space and runs back 350 feet. The usual shops—smiths', bodymakers', painters', &c.,—are large and well found in all the best appliances; while the covered show-yard is unusually extensive. All kinds of vehicles are on view—broughams, traps, jaunting cars, and commercial and spring vans; but the traps and vans evidently form the chief lines. These are gracefully proportioned and exceptionally well hung. The repairing department does a business of the largest extent, and the concern is evidently a favourite one in this respect. A large skilled staff is employed under Mr. CARPENTER's personal supervision, he being an expert and a practical man. Most of patrons are Metropolitan residents and business men, among whom the sound workmanship of the establishment finds very evident appreciation.

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**THOMPSON BROTHERS,**

**Brick and Tile Manufacturers, 186, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.**

THIS firm was originated twelve years ago, opening its great industrial operations at Kingscourt, County Cavan, where the works of Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS are situated. It is well known that brick-making within the past quarter of a century has been passing through a process of development—which still continues—and of every improvement in which Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS have not been slow to take advantage. The firm, indeed, has ever manifested that turn for enterprise that never neglects an opportunity. Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS saw the necessity which existed for a considerable improvement in the material quality of the best grades of bricks, and resolving, if possible, to produce a brick not to be easily surpassed, they at once entered seriously upon their manufacturing operations. Powerful and modern machinery was erected, and all the most approved appliances and accessories of the brickmaking industry. In consequence of the firm's

systematic methods of attacking the problem, it has succeeded in turning out bricks and tiles that will bear ready comparison with the productions of any brick manufacturing concern in the United Kingdom. An idea of the development of this business may be formed from the fact that between seventy and eighty hands are employed by the firm, and the output of bricks and tiles is simply enormous. And from the aspect of the well-stocked Dublin yard at Spencer Dock there are many indications that the development of this concern will be continuous. All who have used the bricks manufactured by Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS pronounce them in every respect a superior production, and the judicious policy pursued by the firm encourages the belief that the achievements of the house in the past are but antecedent to the attainment of still higher future ends in the industry so admirably illustrated at Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS' establishment.

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**PETER HANLON,**

**Family Grocer; Tea, Wine, and Spirit Merchant; Purveyor; Italian Warehouseman, etc.,  
14 and 15, Lower Camden Street, Dublin.**

THE general domestic purveying trade is one of the most flourishing and enterprising in the Irish Metropolis, and the above first-class house may be taken as a good representative of its highest grade. The premises are finely situated within easy reach of the fashionable suburbs, are very handsome in external appearance, and of three storeys. The frontage is about fifty feet and the rear extension some two hundred feet. Two fine shops, communicating internally, occupy the front, and are fitted up in the brightest modern fashion. No. 14 is devoted to teas, wines, beer, stout, mineral waters, tinned goods, fruits, preserves, Italian wares, and rare brandies and whiskies, notably John Jameson and Son's unequalled

distillation. The adjoining shop is devoted to the purveying trade and offers special lines in Shaw's, Denny's, Matterson's, Donnell's and other Irish bacon and hams; Irish creamery and Danish butter; flour of the best home and foreign milling; and such-like comestibles. The extensive rear is used for stores, cellars, and bottling, and is maintained in model order. Twelve hands and three horses and vans are engaged in the work of distribution, the customers being mainly of the wealthy city and suburban class. Mr. HANLON, though a young man, is an expert in the trade, and one of the most accomplished and cautious of its representatives.

## R. FORBES, Photographic Artist, 54, Grafton Street, Dublin.

PHOTOGRAPHY on its artistic side has been carried to rare perfection in Dublin, and the work of the artists of the Metropolis is admitted to be second to none in the world. Among the most distinguished of these an eminent place must be assigned to Mr. R. FORBES, whose handsome studio at 54, Grafton Street, has become a favourite, and we might say fashionable, resort for sitters. Though but for six years in business on his own account, Mr. FORBES has assisted for many years in making the reputation of an adjoining establishment, now his rival. The studio is fitted up very tastefully in modern fashion, and contains, besides the "operating" room and workrooms, elegant and well-found reception, waiting, and dressing-rooms. On all hands samples of Mr. FORBES' masterpieces in various mediums are exhibited, at once letting the visitor into the secret that he is an artist as well as a skilled manipulator of the

camera. Works in crayon, water, and oil, from the miniature to the large canvas, attest the fact, alongside which shine the triumphs of the newer-tinted processes. Among the portraits by the ordinary process, judging from the samples on view, children, groups, and highly-finished large-size portraits are Mr. FORBES' forte. The main studio contains a fine "plant" of backgrounds and accessories, and is supplied with various-sized cameras and lenses of the best make. In everything Mr. FORBES' shows his appreciation of the artistic, and his portraits—large and small, plain or coloured, on carbon or oil—are pictures. Hence his success and the esteem in which his services are held. We need not say that he has no lack of patrons, and at the same time things are so managed that long waiting is avoided. To such an artist we can only wish a still more enhanced success.

## THE DUBLIN HOSIERY MANUFACTURING CO.,

Hosiery Manufacturers and Finishers, 122a, St. Stephen's Green; and York Street, Dublin.

THE system of providing goods direct from the manufacturer to the user has been applied with eminent success to various branches of industry and trade, but to none more successfully than hosiery production as represented in the operations of the above-named concern, which has practically introduced into the Metropolis a new industry, and one which affords ample evidence and promise of greater development. The DUBLIN HOSIERY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, recently established, have for their aim the entire abolition of all intermediary profits by direct trading between the factory and the public, which makes a difference of 25 per cent. The productions of the undertaking are chiefly wrought from Irish yarns, which for durability require no recommendation in this country; and this fact, together with the circumstance that the goods are manufactured in Dublin, sufficiently endorses the concern's well-merited claim to encouragement and recognition as a representative home industry possible of becoming a very prosperous and valuable factor in Irish productive activity. By means of an entirely novel process in stocking-making, the great desideratum of an elastic rib has been secured, adding thus to the comfort of wearers and giving to the stockings a double endurance. The double splicing in the heel and toes is a much-desired innovation. They are entirely free from seams or bulk, hitherto an unavoidable feature in other classes of hosiery and one which operated banefully on tender feet. Washing in no way deteriorates the stockings, and each stitch being locked in process of making, the goods never lose their shape, and are even superior to those made by the hand. They combine the main qualifications of comfort and elegance, and are particularly well fashioned, which for style and finish could not be surpassed. These are *in breve* the leading features of the goods which the DUBLIN HOSIERY MANUFACTURING COMPANY engage in producing. Not only do they make stockings for ordinary wear, but also fine silk and Cashmere stockings for ladies, knicker

stockings for boys, half-hose, bicycle hose, and shooting hose; while the firm also holds a large stock of ladies', children's, and gents' underwear, comprising cotton, Lisle thread, wool, and silk hosiery in all the leading makes, which they supply on terms only attainable by the economical systems observed. The varied character of the firm's operations, and the elegance and sound finish of everything they produce, will be apparent to anyone who visits the well-known and attractive establishment at Stephen's Green—one of the many notable and conspicuous features of that fashionable locality. The shop is directly facing the Park, and its whole arrangements and appointments are in due conformity with its status as a West End house. A commanding plate-glass frontage enables the various styles of goods to be displayed to excellent advantage, and at the rear the operations of a staff of ladies fully illustrate the nature of the industry which the DUBLIN HOSIERY MANUFACTURING Co. have so successfully opened up.

Mr. S. McCormack, who undertakes the practical control and direction of the concern, has had a long experience in hosiery trade, and his special aptitude therefore is manifested in the capable methods under which the whole details of the business are organised. A very large and constant trade having been effected through the medium of the post, and the goods being in constant demand by wholesale warehousemen everywhere, the utmost strain is imposed upon the resources of the proprietor, who has already taken premises to use as a factory solely for the production of the goods and lay down an efficient equipment of machinery, which will give employment to a great number of local workers. The object of the industry being the production of the best goods at lowest prices, it is evident that, with all available facilities under command, Mr. McCormack will be able to establish an important undertaking worthy of public countenance and support, and one in which the best possibilities of a home manufacture may be fully realised.



**F. SANDERSON & SONS,**

Coach and Carriage Builders, 34, Lower Dominick Street, Dublin.

IN indicating for the purposes of this work the leading representative houses engaged in the various branches of constructive industry in Dublin, special distinction must be assigned to the old-established firm of Messrs. F. SANDERSON AND SONS, the eminent coach and carriage builders, a brief *resumé* of whose business history should prove of interest to our readers. The undertaking was originally established in 1859 by Mr. F. Sanderson, who was subsequently joined in partnership by his sons, of whom Mr. W. T. Sanderson is now the sole representative of the firm. The premises at 34, Lower Dominick Street, although of unpretentious exterior dimensions, extend a long way to the rear, providing ample accommodation for the spacious show-rooms and extensive carriage building works. Here may be inspected every variety of outside Irish cars, carriages, vans, etc., and other vehicles manufactured by the firm, and which deservedly enjoy a widespread reputation for exceptional elegance of design, sound and well-seasoned material, and finished workmanship. The leading speciality of the firm's production is their celebrated street cab, which they were the first to introduce into Ireland, and which in its improved form is one of the best vehicles of this class in the kingdom. The pattern of this cab has recently undergone still further improvements and innovations both in shape and general utility, and by fitting the windows with plate glass  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in thickness is now entirely free from the annoying vibration and rattling peculiar to the older style machines. Of these vehicles it may be stated that

Messrs. SANDERSON are the largest manufacturers in Ireland, building in the proportion of ten to each single cab produced by any other firm in the country. The firm has been successful in obtaining several prize awards for the excellence and completeness of the various vehicles manufactured by them, including medals at the Exhibitions of Irish Arts and Manufactures, 1865 and 1882. The factory in the rear is a large three-storied building, of which the ground floor comprises the smithies, forges, etc., which are provided with the newest improvements in drilling and other machinery, and above are the body building, painting, varnishing, and finishing shops, the whole of which, being conveniently arranged, provides ample facilities for forwarding the work in the several departments. The list of patrons by whom the firm has been honoured with commissions embraces His Grace the Duke of Leinster and the principal nobility, landed gentry, and officers of the Army in Ireland; and some indication of the wide extent of Messrs. SANDERSON'S operations is afforded by their having sent two cars out to India—one to H.I.H. the Thapore Sahib of Limbde. A large number of skilled hands are employed in the various departments of the business in order to meet the requirements of the constantly expanding trade, the whole of the arrangements being carefully carried out under the personal supervision of the principal, whose extended experience in every detail of the trade is in itself a sufficient guarantee for perfection in design and execution in every vehicle supplied from this establishment.

**POWER BROTHERS,**

Tobacconists and Cigar Merchants, 36 and 21, Parliament Street; and 31, Lincoln Place, Merrion Square, Dublin.

ONE of the most celebrated cigar and tobacco divans in Ireland's metropolitan City is that conducted by Messrs. POWER BROTHERS, who carry on with the greatest success a business founded by their father some thirty years ago. The principal mart has a fine street frontage and is centrally situated. The interior appointments of the establishment are in the best taste, and it is evident that no expense has been spared to render the emporium worthy of the influential patronage enjoyed by the firm. The stock, too, is heavy and of the finest quality extant. The Havana cigars are exclusively obtained from the most reliable sources, and can invariably be relied on. Special value attaches to the Intimidads, "Larranaga," "Tomas Gutierrez," "La Eleccion," "La Rosa Aromatica," and Upmann Brand. In addition to these there are heavy stocks in Mexicans, all of which are well-known and remarkably good cigars. These and other excellent brands may be obtained in small quantities, in half boxes, or in whole boxes. In cigarettes also the most fashionable brands

are kept, together with a good selection of briar pipes, cherrywoods, and meerschaums. A host of smokers' requisites is held, including all the latest novelties in pouches, match boxes, matches, etc., etc. In tobaccos the stock held is equally good and select, all the loose and fancy tobaccos being shown in grand display, as well as all the ordinary shags, cut cake, cut Cavendish, and smoking mixture. The stock, which is well worthy the attention of the connoisseur and the trade generally, is kept in excellent order, and a superior window display is made, which attracts considerable public attention. An important branch of Messrs. POWER BROTHERS' business consists in the repairing and remounting of meerschaum and other pipes, sticks, ambers, etc., an efficient staff being employed in this department under the capable supervision of the proprietary. The trade of the house at both the before-mentioned establishments is extensive and well established among the aristocracy of the City and its environs. Both partners possess wide experience in the business, and are held in the highest esteem in local trade and social circles.

**THE GLOBE PARCEL EXPRESS, 8, Eden Quay, Dublin. Wm. A. M'Cleane Manager.**

ONE of the oldest and most popular of our carrying agencies is the GLOBE PARCEL EXPRESS, which has for upwards of half-a-century past been of enormous public benefit, and has, by the facilities it has offered for the cheap and rapid transmission of goods, done much to stimulate and develop the commercial resources of the country. The offices in Dublin are centrally situated at 8, Eden Quay, and are under the experienced direction of Mr. William A. M'Cleane; the premises being of commodious proportions and affording every convenience for the reception and despatch of goods. The business undertaken by the firm is the transmission of goods at cheap rates to all parts of the United Kingdom; Oriental, Australian, American, and general carriers; and shipping, forwarding, and insurance agents to all parts of the world. The "GLOBE" is the sole agency in Ireland for the Continental Daily Parcel Express, United States Express, Morris'

European Express (of New York), the Canadian Express Company, and other great carrying corporations throughout the world. The City and suburban receiving houses are situated at 2, Church Lane; 106, Upper Leeson Street; 107, Thomas Street; 35, Grafton Street; 22, Nassau Street; 7, Ellis Quay; 1, Charlmont Street; and at Kingstown, Blackrock, Merriem, Booterstown, Sandymount, and Rathmines. Goods and parcels are collected several times daily in all parts of the City and suburbs for local delivery and despatch to all parts at exceptionally low rates. The arrangements for the prompt despatch, quick transit, and safe delivery are of the most perfect kind, and have proved of the greatest convenience to tradesmen and the public, as is evidenced by the very large and increasing support accorded to this Agency since its establishment over half a century ago. Full information as to rates, inland and foreign agents, will be sent post free on application to the Manager, Mr. Wm. A. M'Cleane.

**ROBERT MORRISON, Military Boot Maker, 19, Duke Street, Dublin.**

AMONGST the leading military bootmakers in this important garrison centre must be included Mr. ROBERT MORRISON, whose establishment at 19, Duke Street, forms the subject of this briefly descriptive sketch. The business is of old standing, having been founded twenty years ago by M. Chauteperdrix, French boot manufacturer, in Duke Street, and was recently acquired by Mr. MORRISON, who had for some years acted as manager to the former gentleman. The business premises comprise a handsome and commodious corner shop with fine plate-glass windows, in which are effectively displayed specimens of the bootmaker's art in a well-selected assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's

high-class boots and shoes in all the newest London and Paris styles for the promenade, the carriage, and the ballroom. The leading speciality of the trade is, however, the execution of orders for military and hunting boots, for which the house has long been famous, the quality of the material used and the exceptionally finished workmanship in these goods having secured for the maker a reputation second to none in the country. An extensive and influential *clientèle* has been established for many years in connection with the business, the patronage extended to the firm including the principal nobility and members of the various regiments quartered in Dublin and a wide circle of the leading gentry in the district.

**F. BERMINGHAM,**

**Tea and Wine Merchant, Italian Warehouseman, and Victualler and Contractor,  
63 and 64, Phibsborough Road, Dublin.**

THIS important and successful business house was originally established thirty-five years ago by Mr. FELIX BERMINGHAM, Victualler and Contractor, at No. 60, Phibsborough Road, and in 1876 was further extended by the addition of the adjoining premises, in which the family grocery, tea, wine, and spirit trade is now conducted. About ten years ago Mr. Francis Bermingham purchased the interest in the grocery business from his father, and Mr. John Bermingham is associated with his father, under the title of Messrs. F. Bermingham & Son, in the management of the victualling department. The premises occupied by the latter branch of the business are situated at the above address and comprise a well-fitted and conveniently arranged shop, which is constantly supplied with the prime quality of home-fed beef and mutton, veal, lamb, etc., in season, specially

selected with careful judgment from the best markets for this trade, and which has long enjoyed the reputation of being the best meat to be obtained in this district. The grocery store adjoining is of ample proportions and is well appointed throughout with the necessary fittings and requisites for a business of this character. The stock in each department is of the highest quality and includes the choicest blends of new season's teas, general groceries, Italian warehouse goods, and wines and spirits of all the finest brands and well-matured vintages. An extensive and influential family connection has long been established by the firm, which includes the leading resident gentry in the neighbourhood, and, by steadily sustaining one uniform standard of quality and value in all articles supplied, the house has for many years past been held in favourable estimation by all classes of the general public in the district.



## THOMAS McKENZIE &amp; SONS, LIMITED, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

*Directors:*

EDWARD BLACKBURNE, Q.C.    GEORGE DELANY, ESQ.    CAPTAIN L. RIALI, D.L.  
 WILLIAM McKENZIE, ESQ.    JOHN ROBINSON, ESQ.

*Secretary:* CHARLES CAMPBELL, ESQ., 212, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

THE distinguished and prosperous house trading under the designation of MESSRS. THOMAS McKENZIE & SONS, LIMITED, and controlled by the above notable directorate, was first established thirty years ago in Dublin as a branch from the business carried on at Cork, and its growth during that period has been so rapid that in the Metropolis alone it now takes precedence among the leading concerns of its class, and has become the centre and headquarters of a trade in farm, garden, domestic, and seed merchandise the extensive influence and ramifications of which it would be difficult to determine. The warehouses in Kingsbridge, formerly associated with the Dawson Street house, are now merged in the premises of the great Guinness firm, to whom they were sold, and the work of concentrating a business in which there are many different sections and departments has been accomplished with an efficiency which will be manifest to anyone who surveys the interior of the splendid ornamental structure in Great Brunswick Street built by the firm seven years ago. The great essential of ample light has been secured to the utmost degree in the fine windows which dignify the frontage of the building. It extends along the thoroughfare over a distance of 200 feet, and on the ground floor a series of twelve plate-glass windows enhances the attractiveness of the extensive showroom on that level. The best ideals of tasteful ornamentation and arrangement have been reached by the firm in the appointment of the various departments. In the seed department—which is finely fitted in polished oak with ornamental drawers—there is submitted a magnificent stock, including vegetable and flower seeds, to which the firm's illustrated catalogue affords an elegant and copious index. Useful details of dining-room, drawing-room, and library furnishing are presented in the neat time-pieces which occupy one department along with watches, in gold and silver, and chains; also in the fine array of lamps for rooms and halls; and adjoining these departments are the rooms for cashiers and clerks, divided by a screen of ornamental glass; also Mr. McKenzie's private room with telephone. On the same level are all kinds of farm, garden, and domestic goods, including everything embraced under the general category of furnishing ironmongery; the best class of brass and steel goods; stoves for dining and drawing-rooms—

shown in combination with tessellated hearths; and a vast aggregation of miscellaneous articles covering every sphere of usefulness—whether for culinary, agricultural, or garden purposes. The consideration devoted by the firm to the special requirements of the building trade is manifested in the department exclusively appropriated therefor. At the rear is a well-fitted smithy and an engineering shop, the serviceable plant of the latter (wrought by gas power) enabling the firm to undertake the repair of all kinds of agricultural machinery and implements. To this end, also, and for the replacement of broken parts and fittings, the firm have a storeroom on the first floor specially set apart for the various mechanical accessories, which are neatly arranged and readily referred to by a system of lettering and numbering. Of new and improved agricultural implements Messrs. McKENZIE hold an almost inexhaustible stock, being entrusted, as they are, with agencies for all the leading manufacturers. Mention, in particular, may be

made of the American Disc Harrows, which the firm have successfully introduced and which are recommended for use in the hardest soil by notable Irish farmers, while attention may be directed to various improved forms of iron entrance gates and railings, though it is obviously impossible to enumerate one tithe of the many excellent and

useful appliances brought into stock by the firm for the use of farmers, contractors, quarry and mine owners, boiler makers, engineers, and manufacturers—comprehending a wide field of utility from a typewriter to a truck or traction waggon.

On the first floor, which is reached by a fine ornamental stairway, will be noted several innovations in fencing, and, in particular, a new American invention of which the firm are the sole agents. Here also are exhibited the American barrows, of which Messrs. McKENZIE are such large importers. They receive the barrows in parts, and put them together in an economical manner, which enables them to be provided on a cheap scale, and the sale of these barrows represents an average yearly output of 5,000. It is on this floor that the firm have their counting-house for the transaction of wholesale business, and here also is a spacious showroom, having windows to the front, and well lighted and appointed. On the same level are the firm's seed stores, communication with the ground floor



being maintained by an elevator, and in this section Messrs. McKENZIE engage in the crushing of oil cake, carrying out the operations by suitable and improved machinery propelled by gas power. Probably one of the most interesting sections of this large and orderly establishment is the seed-packing department, wherein seeds of all descriptions are being constantly prepared for transmission. These are neatly packed in white calico bags, specially made for the purpose, imprinted with the well-known trade-mark of the house—the sheaf and reaping hook—and the word “Purity,” which most significantly endorses the long standing and unimpeachable repute of the firm for the sterling merits of every form of seeds they purvey. The individuality of the firm is largely preserved by this familiar trade-mark, and among agriculturists there are no better known seed specialities than McKENZIE’S Prize Purple-top Swede, which has long held a foremost place for its valuable productiveness. The sealed bags containing from 1lb. upwards are got up in a most attractive style, and the most exacting demands which an extensive wholesale and retail trade can possibly impose are readily met by the ample resources of the reserve seed stores on the

third floor. A long corridor extends the entire length of the building, from which access is given to various store rooms, to the stationery departments, to the keeper’s rooms, and to the dining-room, where the convenience and comfort of the firm’s staff of employes are fully considered. The whole building and its adjuncts present an example of completeness and method which cannot be overlooked and which bears a pleasing consistency with the scrupulous care and personal management upon which the entire details of the business are guided. Much of the practical control of the house falls to Mr. William McKenzie, who is a gentleman well versed in every practical detail of the trade with which he is intimately identified, and to whose courtesy we are indebted for the particulars embodied in this sketch. As one whose experiences have been widened by travel, he is invariably in advance of everything new and fresh, and, in making an annual visit to the principal American cities, is enabled to observe and adopt many things of invaluable service to the large farming and general community from which the house of Messrs. THOMAS McKENZIE & SONS, LIMITED, derives its great support and custom.

#### A. G. WALLER,

Funeral Undertaker, Carriage and Furniture Van Proprietor, 48, 49, and 50, Denzille Street;  
and 42 and 43, Sandwith Street, Dublin.

THERE are few establishments in Ireland devoted to this business more complete in every detail of their arrangements, or possessing more ample resources for the operations of an extensive undertaking of this character, than the old and well-established house of Mr. A. G. WALLER, Funeral Undertaker, Carriage and Furniture Van Proprietor, etc., to which must be assigned a prominent position in this work. The business was established many years ago in Dublin by the present proprietor, who has since the period of its foundation been unremitting in his efforts in satisfactorily catering for the requirements of all classes of society in connection with the obsequies of those who have passed that “bourne from which no traveller returns.” Mr. WALLER’S extensive premises are situated at 48, 49, and 50, Denzille Street, and 41 and 42, Sandwith Street. The former establishment, comprising large yards covering a considerable area of ground, and roofed in with galvanized iron, forms the largest covered carriage depôt in Ireland. The stock of funeral equipages includes many fine open vehicles—designs which were originally introduced to Dublin by this firm—and a great variety of elegant carriages of the older closed patterns. A splendid stud of horses is kept by the proprietor, and a numerous staff of skilled and attentive drivers retained for the execution of orders of any magnitude entrusted to the firm. In connection with this department are spacious workshops, in which some thirty skilled operatives are constantly employed in jannapping, carriage

trimming, electroplating, brass finishing, coffin making, shroud and pall making, and other branches of activity connected with the trade, all the carriages, cabs, vans, waggons, funeral cars, etc., being built and repaired on the premises. In connection with these first-class workshops are the forge and farriery department, and all the varied appurtenances of a superior stabling establishment. In the job carriage department may be inspected a splendid assortment of single and pair-horse broughams, landaus, victorias, phaetons, and brake-waggonettes, which may be hired from the establishment according to arrangement on the most moderate terms; and special attention is directed by the proprietor to the execution of orders for wedding parties, picnics, public demonstrations, &c., &c. The furniture-removing branch of the business is well supplied with secure lock-up vans for the safe removal of goods by land, rail, or sea; and Mr. WALLER has also a number of floats, spring carts, pianoforte vans, &c., available for transit purposes. In connection with this department are spacious and thoroughly damp-proof warehouses for storing furniture and other valuable effects, offering special advantages and security to those travelling abroad or temporarily resigning housekeeping. The business in each department is of a highly successful character, Mr. WALLER having secured a widespread and influential *clientèle* in all parts of the country; and the patronage he enjoys amongst the highest nobility and gentry affords the most gratifying evidence of public confidence in his able management.



**WILSON BROS., Tea and Wine Merchants, Family Grocers, and Italian Warehousemen,  
88, Rathmine's Road, Dublin.**

THIS enterprising firm are well-known caterers in both eatables and drinkables for the Rathmine district, and have been established a considerable time in the trade. The shop is very commodious and conveniently fitted, behind which are extensive warehouses and cellars, including a tea-mixing room. The stock of groceries and provisions is evidently designed for the better class of trade and includes several special lines. The wine department is, however, the speciality of the establishment. The firm import and bottle all the wines

and brandies sold by them, and are thus in a position to guarantee both quality and purity. The bottling of ales and stouts is also carried on under the best conditions and on the largest scale, Messrs. WILSON BROS. having quite a reputation for the excellence of this class of beverages. The trade is mainly a family one. Both parties, we may add, are thoroughly versed in the various departments of the business, and its excellent standing is closely connected with the judgment and enterprise which they bring to bear on all its details.

**DANL. MILLER & CO.,**

**Coppersmiths and Brass Founders, Dublin Copper and Brass Works, 29, Church Street, Dublin.**

IN indicating for the purposes of these reviews the leading representative firms engaged in the various branches of industrial activity in Dublin, our work would be incomplete without specific recognition of the old-established house of Messrs. DANL. MILLER AND CO., Coppersmiths and Brass Founders, whose lengthened connection with the commercial interests of the City fully merits the attention of our readers. The business was originally established in 1809 by Mr. Daniel Miller and Mr. James Leishman, and has since that date been continued by members of their families, the present representative being Mr. John Miller. The premises occupied by the firm, and known as the Dublin Copper and Brass Works, are situated at 29, Church Street, and comprise suite of finely appointed offices in the front of the building, warehouse for finished goods, drawing office, pattern room, &c., with extensive foundry and workshops, for the several operative departments, in the rear. The works are replete with new and improved plant and machinery, driven by

steam power, for facilitating the various processes of production, in which a staff of fifty skilled hands is employed all the year round. Amongst the special articles of the firm's manufacture are included Coffey's patent distilling apparatus, common pot stills, rectifying stills, steam stills, worms and condensers, mashing machines, spargers, refrigerators, sluice valves, cocks, pipes, bends, and flanges of every description in use in distilleries. For breweries the firm manufacture open and dome coppers, steam-jacketed coppers, refrigerators, false bottoms, mashing machines, spargers, attenuators, hop drainers, union room fittings, hose couplings, cocks, tinned copper pipes, bends, flanges, &c., of all kinds; cocks, runs, and every description of copper and brass work. Messrs. MILLER also make copper pipes of any dimensions in sets or to drawings for marine engines, &c. A widespread and valuable connection has been established by the firm in each branch of the business, which extends throughout Dublin and the important centres of the brewing and distilling industries in the country.

**JOSEPH CRONAN,**

**Military Boot Maker, 1, Upper Merrion Place, Dublin.**

IN a large garrison centre like Dublin it is of the first importance to secure the services of a thoroughly experienced and competent military bootmaker, and in this connection we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers the old-established business of Mr. JOSEPH CRONAN as one of the best of this class in the City. The business was originally founded A.D. 1830 by the father of the present proprietor, Mr. John Cronan, who was succeeded by his son, Mr. JOSEPH CRONAN, in 1875. The premises are centrally situated at 1, Upper Merrion Place, a very short distance from the Shelburne Hotel, Stephen's Green, and comprise showroom, leather-cutting department, and workshops. The leading specialties manufactured by Mr. CRONAN include hunting, shooting, walking, and evening dress boots; military regulation riding boots; marching, parade, and military

dress boots. These goods are of the highest qualities of selected leather and finished workmanship, ensuring a perfect fit with ease, elegance, and durability combined; and, by having lasts registered for each customer, Mr. CRONAN is enabled to guarantee the perfection of all boots ordered by post. A widespread and influential connection has been secured by the present proprietor and his esteemed predecessor embracing the principal members of the military staff in the City and country. The patrons of this establishment include the nobility, gentry, judges, legal profession, bishops, and clergy throughout the land, and also the honour of having been sole bootmakers to the celebrated Ward Union Hunt Club for the past thirty-five years. Orders are constantly received by Mr. CRONAN from customers in all parts of the world.

**JOHN FREEMAN, JUN., F.R.C.V.S.,**

**Veterinary Surgeon, Harry Street, off Grafton Street, Dublin. Branches at Balls Bridge, Kingstown, and Dalkey.**

FEW cities offer better scope for a qualified veterinary surgeon than the Irish Metropolis, the home at once of fashion and trade; and there, consequently, we find the profession very eminently represented. One of its best known members is Mr. JOHN FREEMAN, JUNR., Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and proprietor of the above City concern and several branch establishments. The business has been carried on for half a century, having been established by Professor Ferguson, with whom Mr. FREEMAN served the term of his apprenticeship. The original location was in Dawson Street, whence the business was removed to its present site near Grafton and Sackville Streets, a very central and highly eligible situation. The establishment is a most complete and extensive one, containing splendidly-fitted stables for forty-five horses, several loose boxes, and the associated equipment of harness rooms, hay lofts, etc. Part of the extensive space at disposal is appropriated to the purposes of a galloping ground, partly macadamised and partly laid with wood, where

the action of horses is tested. At the extreme end of the yard is the forge, located in a well-built and convenient building. The offices, consulting room, surgery, and private offices occupy the premises right and left of the entrance. Altogether the establishment is admirably equipped and fully suited to the purposes of a high-class veterinary business. The branches at Balls Bridge, Kingstown, and Dalkey are on the largest scale and of the same superior character. We need not say that the business is a large and flourishing one, commanding the support of the fashionable and the commercial world of the City and of the horse-dealing confraternity centred there. Mr. FREEMAN is universally recognised as an expert in the profession. Mr. JOHN FREEMAN for some time drove the Dublin and Kingstown and Bray Road coach, a drive on which used to be one of the treats of fashionable circles. Mr. JOHN FREEMAN and Mr. R. B. Freeman, his partner, have long been closely identified with the horse-fancying world, and enjoy an universal popularity in Dublin and its environs.

**BAKER, WARDELL, & CO.,**

**Wholesale Tea and Sugar Merchants, 76, Thomas Street, Dublin.**

THE representation of a very large proportion of the wholesale tea and sugar trade of Dublin has become centred in the operations of the eminent and prosperous concern once known by the firm title of Messrs. Baker and Wardell, and now controlled by Mr. J. D. Wardell, in conjunction with Mr. W. Jeffares, under the name that heads this brief sketch. In conformity with the high status and importance of the business, the establishment at Thomas Street presents many features of external as well as internal attractiveness. The *façade* is of beautiful cut stone, and the lofty and imposing elevation of four storeys is somewhat dignified by piers of white granite and red Peterhead granite panels. There is a double plate-glass window, and from the forty-feet frontage the premises extend rearwards over a stretch of 200 feet, with spacious storage running at right angles and covering a measurement of 20 feet by 150 feet. To this large warehouse there is a special entrance, with cut stone frontage, from Francis Street, and the sampling room—a spacious and well-proportioned apartment—derives much enhancement from a carved woodwork ceiling and an extensive roof-light, whereby the operations of sampling are carried out under the most favourable conditions.

The extensive tea store at the rear affords an insight into the resources of the firm, and in every part of this

large establishment there exist many interesting evidences of the manner in which it has been rendered thoroughly acceptable to the ideals of a first-class business house. The supplies of teas and sugars here preserved are of great extent and value, covering, as they do, the entire range of importation in both commodities. As tea merchants in special, Messrs. BAKER, WARDELL, & Co. have acquired a high and undisputed precedence in the trade, and this position they continue to maintain by scrupulous adherence to its best features only. Their name has at no time been identified with the sale of inferior teas, and in all the developments and fluctuations of competitive trade the firm have never departed from the distinctly superior standard by which their fine teas have become recognized in all markets. Of a house which commands a *prestige* founded in the honourable and liberal transactions of half a century, it is obviously needless to say more within the limits of the concise space at our disposal than that it has maintained a support and favour among the trade equivalent to its importance and commercial advantages. Messrs. BAKER, WARDELL, & Co. are the largest firm of tea merchants in Dublin, and it would be difficult to find anywhere throughout the kingdom a house which has more firmly established its claim to commercial prominence, or has more conclusively proved the liberal and well-considered character of its business systems.



**SIMPSON & CO., Military and Merchant Tailors; Clerical, Naval, and Livery Outfitters;  
48, Grafton Street, Dublin.**

THIS business was established upwards of a quarter of a century ago by Messrs. Simpson and Thompson, military and merchant tailors; clerical, naval, and livery outfitters, at 48, Grafton Street, and was continued under that title down to 1879, when Mr. Thompson withdrew, and the senior partner, Mr. James Simpson, acquired the sole control of the undertaking, trading in the style which appears at the head of this notice. The premises in Grafton Street are centrally situated within a few doors of Stephen's Green, and comprise a splendid shop of handsome proportions, fitted throughout with appointments in modern style and possessing every convenience for the operations of a trade of this magnitude and importance. The interior fittings are of solid mahogany, including stock shelves and stands, cutting counters, cash desk, etc., the whole presenting a very substantial appearance in keeping with the high-class character of the trade. The stock is selected from the latest novelties in colours and materials shown by the leading houses in the woollen

trade, and include the finest qualities of Scotch and Irish tweeds; diagonal, twilled, elastic, and Melton cloths; West of England, Saxony, and superfines; pilots, beavers, and frieze overcoatings; and a great variety of fancy trouserings, vestings, and other goods. Special attention is directed by the firm to the operative departments, in which are employed the services of a staff of experienced cutters and tailors, the latter being accommodated in large and well-ventilated workrooms on the premises. The productions of the firm include gentlemen's lounge and morning suits, frock walking suits, evening dress suits, clerical garments, boys' suits and overcoats, hunting and riding suits, ladies' riding habits, gentlemen's overcoats, and liveries for coachmen, footmen, grooms, and pages. Every garment supplied by the firm has undergone careful supervision before leaving the establishment, and customers can thus depend upon perfect accuracy of fit, style, and superior excellence of workmanship in every article ordered from this well-established house.

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**J. V. SHERIDAN & CO., Carpet, Bedstead, and Furniture Warehousemen,  
33 and 34, Parliament Street; and Upper Exchange Street, Dublin.**

THIS now important and extensive cabinet and furniture emporium dates back to a period of over half a century, having been founded by the father of the present esteemed proprietors. Commenced on a comparatively small scale, the business has developed into a concern of great magnitude, one of the best of its kind, indeed, in the Irish Metropolitan City. The premises in Parliament Street and Upper Exchange Street, which were built specially to suit the business, are centrally situated, and are of large extent and most commodious arrangement, constituting, in short, a complete furnishing emporium, extensive and varied stocks being held in all kinds of cabinet furniture, upholstery, &c., necessary for the equipment in full of a residence of any class or kind. Messrs. J. V. SHERIDAN & Co.'s stock includes, in addition to carpets—curtains, blinds, bedding, brass and iron bedsteads, etc., very superior dining and drawing-room suites and library and hall furniture, of the firm's own manufacture, of chaste and elegant

design, and upholstered in all the most fashionable materials; also cabinets, wardrobes, cheffoniers, book-cases, etc., etc., in oak, walnut, and mahogany. The workshops of the firm are admirably equipped with machinery, plant, and appliances of the utmost utility and modern improvement, and a number of skilled and experienced workmen are regularly employed. Their warehouse altogether presents a representative centre of supply much to be recommended to all who can appreciate the economical system whereby Messrs. SHERIDAN have brought the possibilities of good and inexpensive furnishing within the reach of all classes. The trade of the firm is of a widespread character, extending to all parts of Ireland. The business in every department is under direct and careful supervision, and although, with respect to a house of such long and honourable standing, no special commendation is necessary, it is only just to add that the principals never for a moment relax their exertions to maintain and extend the high reputation the firm has so long enjoyed.

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**EDMOND JOHNSON,**

**Manufacturing Jeweller, 94 and 95, Grafton Street; and 46, Wicklow Street, Dublin.**

THE records of Irish commercial enterprise furnish no more striking instance of continuous success than is afforded by the splendid establishment of Mr. EDMOND JOHNSON, which is not only the premier house in the trade in the City, but the oldest established jeweller's business in Ireland. This undertaking was originally founded A.D. 1760 by Mr. James Johnson, Wholesale Jewellery Manufacturer, and was continued by that

gentleman until 1791, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Joseph Johnson. On the death of the latter gentleman in 1832, the business reverted to his successor, Mr. Edmond Johnson, who held the control until 1863, when it passed into the possession of his son, the present proprietor, a record of continuity in one family perhaps unexampled in the history of this trade in the country. The premises in Grafton Street comprise a magnificent

block of building with attractive frontage, elaborately decorated in black and gold, the elevation being four stories in height and commanding a splendid corner position at the junction of Grafton and Wicklow Streets. The noble plate-glass windows are devoted to a *recherché* display of the highest class gold and gem jewellery in artistic designs, costly gold and silver watches, clocks, and timepieces in rich variety, silver plate, and an immense assortment of valuable articles, *objets d'art* and *bijouterie* of the most beautiful description. The interior of the establishment is of lofty and commodious proportions, appropriately in harmony with the external surroundings, and appointed throughout with handsome ebonized show cases exhibiting in glittering profusion an infinite variety of goods of the highest quality of workmanship. Of these special attention is directed to a unique department of the jeweller's art which Mr. JOHNSON has made peculiarly his own, and which certainly entitles him to rank in the highest grade in his profession—the manufacture of copies of ancient Irish art; and as an art jeweller this gentleman is unrivalled in the three kingdoms, his collection of antique plate (of which he is an expert connoisseur) being the finest exhibition of this class of work existing. It contains numerous authentic specimens of the Charles's, Cromwell, and Queen Anne periods, of rare designs and

the richest workmanship, of inestimable value to the virtuoso or collector. The manufacturing departments on the premises are conducted in spacious and well-lighted workrooms, in which are produced the magnificent jewellery and diamond work displayed in the establishment. This forms an exceptionally special feature of the business, Mr. JOHNSON having had a lifelong experience in all branches of the jeweller's and diamond-setter's handicraft, and many of the skilled operatives employed in the factory have been trained from their boyhood in the establishment. The business throughout is exclusively high class in character, many of the articles exhibited being of fabulous value—one pair of single stone diamond earrings submitted for our inspection on the occasion of our visit being valued at £1,000, and a whole necklace of stones of nearly equal size must have been worth literally a king's ransom. The *clientèle* established by Mr. JOHNSON is of a most influential character, including the distinguished patronage of the principal members of the Vice-regal Court and the leading nobility and landed gentry in the capital and other parts of Ireland. Nor is the business confined to this side of the Channel exclusively, many orders being executed for England and elsewhere from clients to whom the reputation for refined taste and highly finished workmanship of every article supplied from this eminently representative establishment has penetrated.

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**MCDONALD BROTHERS, Wine and Tea Merchants and Italian Warehousemen,  
66 and 67, Upper Dorset Street, Dublin.**

AMONGST the leading business houses in the suburbs of Dublin must be numbered the fine establishment of Messrs. McDONALD BROTHERS, Wine and Tea Merchants and Italian Warehousemen, 66 and 67, Upper Dorset Street, which we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers in this brief sketch. The business was established at this address thirty years ago by the present firm, of whom the chief partner is Mr. James McDonald, who, with his three brothers, constitute the proprietary, trading under the title indicated at the head of this notice. The premises occupied by the firm comprise a handsome and commodious building, with attractive frontage of four large plate-glass windows effectively utilised for the display of the high-class goods submitted for inspection. The interior is of spacious dimensions, forming a fine warehouse, well appointed throughout

and providing every accommodation and convenience for the operations of the several departments of the business. These include the choicest qualities of teas of new season's growth, general groceries of exceptional excellence, and a wide range of Italian warehouse goods and household requirements of every description. The extensive cellars of the firm contain the finest vintages of choice old wines and well-matured spirits specially selected for this trade from the leading centres of production at home and abroad. A widespread and influential family connection has been established by Messrs. McDONALD BROTHERS throughout the district, which includes the leading resident gentry and inhabitants, whose patronage has for many years past been extended to the firm and whose orders are daily delivered in well-appointed vans provided for this purpose.

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**MARTIN & MUMFORD,**

**Ladies' Tailors and Habit Makers, 18 and 19, Suffolk Street, Dublin.**

WITHIN the past few years, obedient to the immutable decree of the ever powerful goddess Fashion, a new and certainly interesting branch of the sartorial art has been developed with remarkable success, to which marked improvement in taste is to be noted in the prevailing styles for ladies' costumes, and, what is still more important, from a hygienic point of view, the sensibility of these garments compared with the out-

door habits of the fair sex a short decade since. In connection with this subject we invite the reader to accompany us on a visit of inspection to the well-known establishment of Messrs. MARTIN AND MUMFORD, the leading exponents of ladies' tailoring and habit making in the City of Dublin. The business was carried on for several years in Grafton Street by Mr. Richard T. Martin, and was successfully continued by that gentleman at that address until 1889, when the exigencies of



his rapidly expanding trade compelled removal to the more spacious quarters at present occupied at 18 and 19, Suffolk Street. At the time this removal was effected, Mr. Martin was joined in the business by Mr. George Mumford, whose varied experience in the world of fashion contributed in no slight degree to the present position of the firm. From this period the firm have adopted and used the designation and style by which they are so well and widely known at the present day, as attested by the wide and ever-spreading renown of the house, which in a great degree is attributable to the fact that both partners possess that technical knowledge, combined with good taste, which produces the "Chic," with which their name is as well associated in Dublin fashionable society as is that of "Worth" in Paris. The premises present an exceedingly attractive frontage and are appointed throughout appropriately in keeping with the high-class character of the trade, ample accommodation being provided for well-appointed fitting-rooms, in which the comfort and convenience of their clients constitutes the primary object of the arrangements of the firm. The spacious showrooms are effectively utilised for an attractive exhibition of artistic gowns, travelling, shooting, and yachting costumes, Irish poplin gowns, and the firm's specialities in walking jackets, driving and covert coats, travelling cloaks, and riding habits. The stock of materials submitted for inspection embraces a wide range of the newest and most fashionable patterns, many of which have been manufactured to order; the

constant endeavour of the firm being to procure novelties, whether of material or design (*i.e.*, patterns designed or suggested by themselves), which, while embodying the highest phases of that kaleidoscope, Modern Fashion, shall not be procurable elsewhere. The fur department shows a splendid assortment of valuable sealskins, in the most fashionable new season's models for jackets and coats, at prices which, for moderation, compare favourably with the leading metropolitan West End houses. The workrooms, situated on the upper floors, are spacious, healthy, and sanitarily perfect apartments, and, as all work is executed on the premises under careful supervision, clients of the firm can feel secure in their anticipation of the highest quality of workmanship conducted under the most satisfactory hygienic conditions. The services of a large operative force of skilled tailors, furriers, and other workpeople are all employed in the several departments, of which the post order branch now forms an important feature, Messrs. MARTIN AND MUMFORD having recently made improved arrangements by which customers at a distance may have their requirements met by forwarding measures and particulars, the firm successfully undertaking to supply perfect-fitting garments without the necessity of a personal interview. It only remains to add that to the thoroughly practical knowledge of both partners, who personally "fit" their numerous fair clients, may be attributed the popularity which the house has attained amidst the most fashionable circles of Dublin Society.

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### JOHN BARRINGTON & SONS, LTD., King's Inns Street Soap Works, Dublin.

ONE of the most important of our manufacturing industries is represented in Dublin by the old-established house of Messrs. JOHN BARRINGTON & SONS, LTD., of the King's Inns Street Soap Works, whose business connection with the City dates back to the foundation of the undertaking in 1775. During this lengthened period the house has enjoyed a most successful career, and since its conversion into a limited liability company, under the above title, in 1890, has well sustained its time-honoured reputation for the superior excellence of its productions. The King's Inns Street Soap Works are of spacious proportions, the premises including counting-house and suite of clerks' and principals' offices; receiving and weighing stores, where fats, &c., are purchased; large boiling houses, with huge pans for this purpose; and packing rooms and stores. In the rear are workshops for the manufacture of packing cases, boxes, &c., the wood used in this department being obtained from estates from Co. Wicklow. An immense warehouse, 300 feet in length, with tramway in the centre, is devoted to the storage of thousands of boxes of the various qualities of soap for which the firm is famous. The leading speciality of the house is the "Pieira" toilet soap, which bears the reputation of being superior to any other fancy toilet soap in the

market. It is prepared with great care and close supervision of the whole processes by the manufacturers, and is composed of the purest fats and other ingredients of the finest quality, and when delicately perfumed is a most refreshing and fragrant adjunct to the toilet, and is assured of future popularity with the public when its merits become more fully known. The other departments of the firm's operations include the manufacture of black, yellow, cream, and a new fragrant brown bath soap, glycerine soap, &c. Another special feature of Messrs. BARRINGTON's productions is oleomargarine, for which a powerful hydraulic machine is provided; and they also manufacture on an extensive scale lenid glycerine for the preparation of dynamite, the latter being principally supplied to Continental makers. The firm has recently laid down additional plant, comprising a splendid pair of boilers, 30ft. long by 7ft. 6in. in diameter; also three powerful stamping presses. An immense volume of trade is controlled by Messrs. BARRINGTON in each department of their extensive trade, a widespread wholesale connection having been established by the firm throughout the United Kingdom, and under the skilful management of the principals a large and steadily increasing export business is being developed, with the most substantial and successful results.

## THE DUBLIN DISTILLERS' COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN entering upon a review of the three great firms of cosmopolitan celebrity which jointly constitute the above-named Company, we do not need to offer any apology for treating separately and distinctly the component parts of one of the world's greatest syndicates. The firms of W. JAMESON, GEORGE ROE & CO., and the DUBLIN WHISKY DISTILLERY, although merged into one immense enterprise, will still continue to interest their several great bodies of appreciative admirers and patrons; and to perpetuate these famous concerns in popular remembrance and esteem we proceed to review:—

## GEORGE ROE &amp; CO., LIMITED, Thomas Street Distillery, Dublin.

THOUGH the art of distillation is one of comparatively modern origin, the exhilarating quality of alcohol was well known to the ancients. Wine was the libation to the gods and the inevitable accompaniment of religious and domestic festivities. Even the Israelite was commanded to buy "strong drink" and rejoice before the Divinity Himself, while the same strong drink found

palatable whiskies, though followed hard by the hardy chieftains of Glenlivet and Lochaber. *Tot homines quot sententiae*; so we turn from these considerations to say a word or two in respect of the largest, and one of the most famous, of Irish Distilleries—that of Messrs. GEORGE ROE & CO., of Thomas Street, Dublin.

The history of this colossal enterprise takes us back



THOMAS STREET DISTILLERY.

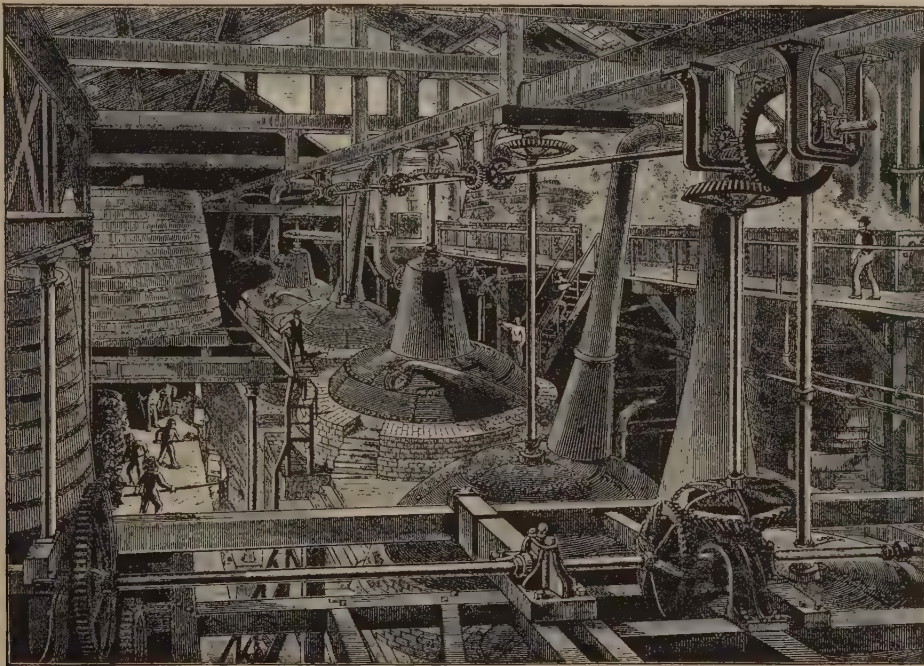
a place in the most solemn of the Mosaic rites. Our own rude Celtic tribes had their usquebaugh, the lineal antecedent of our whiskey—that elixir for which the Teutonic population of these kingdoms, as well as many foreign nations, is rapidly acquiring a most pronounced liking. Tastes differ, as doctors do, and on no better grounds in respect of the merits of various distillations; but it must be admitted, we think, that Ireland still leads the way in the matter of producing fine and

to the year 1757, the year of Pitt's recall to office, of Rosebach, and of Plassey. Its existence has, therefore, been contemporary with that of modern England—with that wonderful growth and expansion which has created the Britannic Empire of to-day. At the date mentioned the late Peter Roe acquired the Thomas Street Distillery. In 1885 the Distillery was transformed to a Limited Company by Mr. Henry Roe, the princely restorer of of Christ Church Cathedral at the cost of a quarter of a



million; and again, in '89, the proprietors amalgamated with the firms of Messrs. W. Jameson & Co., Marrowbone Lane Distillery, and the Dublin Whisky Distillery Co., Jones' Road, thus forming a powerful combination for trading purposes, and controlling an output of unexampled proportions in the Distillery industry. Briefly descriptive sketches of these important establishments will be found following this in the present work, and it will thus suffice for the purposes of this review to give an outline of the principal features of interest in Messrs. Roe's Distillery. In the case of such a celebrated Distillery a few details and figures may be interesting. The total area covered by the aggregation of immense buildings is upwards of seventeen acres, and, as several of

an endless grain-carrying belt, is itself quite a large concern, and contains seven pairs of 14ft. stones capable of crushing fifteen hundred barrels of malt per diem, and revolving at the rate of two revolutions per second. These are, as we said, but the outworks of the Distillery, and the three principal departments—the mash house, the backhouse, and the stillhouse—yet remain to be noticed. Before doing so we glance at the great kilns, with their pleasantly bright furnaces, which, their capacity altogether apart, are among the best-constructed in the world, and play no secondary part in sustaining the special reputation of the distillations of the house. Following the grist or ground malt to the mash house by way of the grist stores (6,000 barrels),



THE STILLHOUSE FROM ONE OF THE GALLERIES.

these buildings rise to four storeys, something of the working capabilities of the Distillery may be imagined. In fact, the power of production equals a couple of million gallons annually, affording employment to two hundred hands, and involving an immense capital.

The outworks of the concern first attract attention, and these consist of enormous grain stores, maltings, bonded stores, and workmen's departments, with a capacity of which figures can give no just idea. Thus the granaries can stow away something like a hundred thousand barrels of grain, and consist of four immense flats three hundred feet long. The maltings and steeps are commensurate in size, while the bonded warehouses on the premises alone hold twenty-three thousand casks. The mill, which is adjacent to the granaries and maltings, and communicates therewith by

we find ourselves in a steam-filled but spacious hall right beneath the grist lofts, and make out the figures of three Brobdignagian mash tuns holding 60,000 gallons each, or thereabouts, round and round which the revolving beaters are driving the steaming contents. The air here is of the purest, and we begin to make the acquaintance of Irish whiskey in its undeveloped form. From these tuns the worts, or hot and sweet liquor, is drawn off, and cooled by seven sets of Morton's refrigerators, the spent grain or "grains" being also removed and disposed of for feeding purposes. The liquor passes from the cooling apparatus into a capacious reservoir, and thence to sixteen wash backs holding a million gallons. In these the fermenting process, or saccharization, is completed, and the crude alcohol developed. To separate this alcohol from the water with which it is

mingled is the business of the stillhouse, the process depending on the fact that alcohol evaporates freely at a lower temperature than water. The stillhouse is the largest in its distilling equipment of pot-stills in the world, and contains eight of these immense vessels, and a "charger" with a capacity of 40,000 gallons. Here everything, though on the largest scale, is admirable for brilliancy and arrangement. The spirit undergoes three distillations before passing into the spirit vats and racking room, and stands far above proof when it finally emerges from the safe. It is afterwards reduced, casked, weighed, and passed under the seal of Her Majesty's Excise. Were we capable of following its further history, into what strange lands and varied company would we be introduced!

Here the interest of our readers will no doubt begin to flag, and we shall hardly be able to revive their satiated curiosity by details of the engine and boiler houses, the cooperage, the pumping apparatus, the transit and gravitation arrangements, the outside bonded stores, stables, cart sheds, and smiths', engineers', fitters', and joiners' shops; and all the minor departments of an unrivalled and self-contained establishment. We pass by these, therefore, to notice two interesting structures within the Distillery precincts. One is the old Marshalsea

and the other the old windmill. The former we cannot notice in detail here, but the latter—one of the landmarks of Dublin—deserves a moment's attention. It is of solid construction, 70 feet in diameter at the base, a hundred and fifty feet in height, cupola topped, and boldly outlined; but now only a relic of that past when it supplied the whole grist for the Distillery (*see view of Distillery*). The imagination may fancy it a huge gnomon set to mark the stealthy march of the centuries! Near by is the handsome chimney stack of the Distillery, built by an employé, which took two years to complete. There are also, in another fine range of buildings, several suites of business and private offices. Such, in the briefest outline, are the salient features of this famous Distillery, which ministers to the gratification and happiness of so many thousands.

To say anything of the Roe distillation is entirely superfluous at this time of day. The support of the trade and the opinion of the general public place it unanimously in the front rank of Irish whiskies. The brand, "G. R." in red letters, is known throughout the world, and universally regarded as the trade-mark of excellence. Long may it remain so, to do honour to Irish skill and enterprise and to that pleasant Metropolis with which it has so long been indissolubly associated.

## THE "W. JAMESON" DISTILLERY,

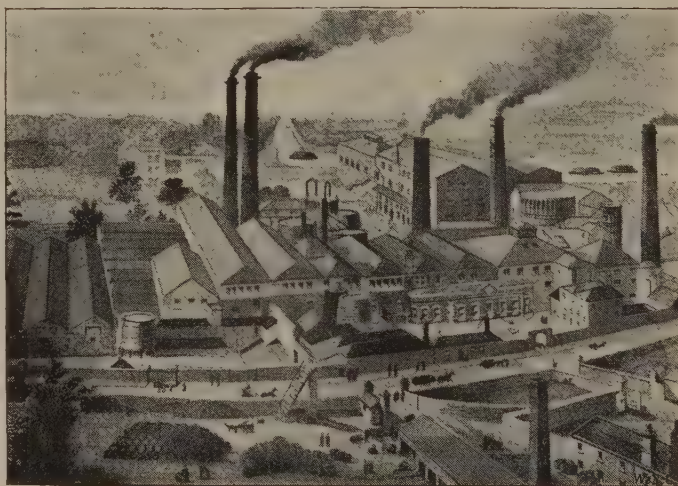
Marrowbone Lane, Dublin.

THERE is no better-known brand of Irish whisky in the market than that which bears the celebrated mark

of the ancient house of William Jameson and Co., and which has long enjoyed a firmly-established reputation with the leading buyers in the trade for their superior standard of uniform excellence and pure and wholesome qualities. The history of the Marrowbone Lane Distillery dates back to 1752. The business rapidly developed under the active administration of the founder, and each succeeding generation of the Jameson family has successfully extended and enlarged the scope of its operations, and, by constant additions to the premises and the acquisition of the newest inventions in machinery and

plant, Messrs. Jameson now possess one of the best-equipped and conveniently-arranged Distilleries in the

United Kingdom. This is situated in the ancient district of Dublin, historically famous as "The Liberty," and, entering from a fine gateway in the old Marrowbone Lane, the visitor is introduced to a wide courtyard of spacious proportions, on the right of which are the Distillery offices, faced on the left by the spirit store and excise offices. Immediately fronting the gateway is the mash house or brewhouse, reached by a flight of stone steps on either side and mounted by handsome iron rail-



MARROWBONE LANE DISTILLERY.

ings with balustrades. This building contains two mash tuns possessing the enormous capacity of 100,000

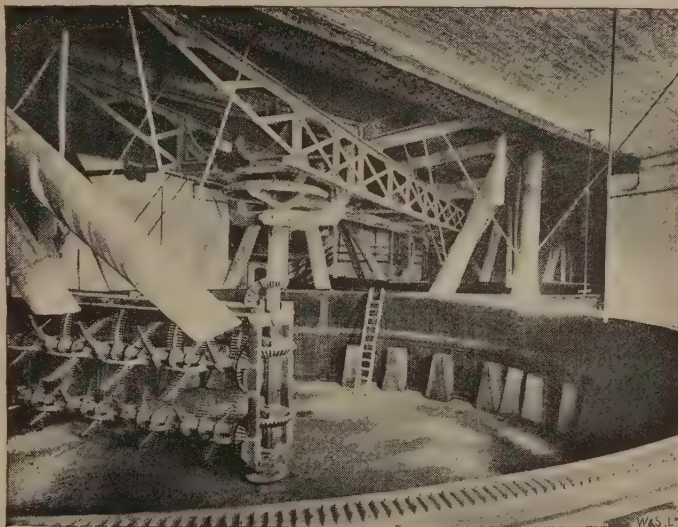


gallons each, and said to be the largest vessels of this description in the kingdom, the grist being fed to the tuns by shoots overhead, in order to equalise the distribution of the malt over the floors of the vessels, which are furnished with the usual stirring apparatus. From the mash tuns the liquor passes into the large under-backs, from which it is forced, by powerful 3-throw pumps, through Morton's refrigerators into the wash backs, thirteen in number, of immense size; and after undergoing the process of fermentation is conveyed to the wash charger, situated on the roof of the building, from whence the wort is discharged by gravitation into the stills. The stillhouse is equipped with four old pot-stills, the only kind of still in use in the Distillery, the capacity of these vessels being 20,000, 12,000, 11,000, and 9,000 gallons respectively; and, after undergoing the various processes of distillation, the perfected spirit descends into an enormous vat capable of holding 19,076 gallons.

The other buildings on the ground, which covers an area of about fifteen acres in extent, include large grain stores measuring 100 feet square, and capable of containing 30,000 barrels; two kilns, each 66 ft. by 36 ft., laid with perforated tiles; grinding-mill, provided with thirteen pairs of stones, affording facilities for crushing 150 tons of grain per day; and screening department, in which the malt is thoroughly cleansed before passing into the mash tuns, the machinery for this purpose having been supplied by Vangelder Amimom and Co., of Sowerby Bridge. The bonded warehouses, nine in number, are substantial erections capable of storing 35,000 casks; and Messrs. Jameson have, in addition, four out-warehouses in Liverpool Yard, North Wall, having accommodation for another 7,000 casks. The

cooperage is of extensive proportions, covering an acre of land and giving constant employment to about thirty men; and the resources of the establishment also include smithy, and carpenters', engineers', and fitters' shops, in which are conducted the operative departments, repairs, etc. The engine room contains four engines, one of which has been in active use for the past seventy-five years, being deservedly regarded as a favourite with the firm; and others include 50-horse power nominal and two of 35 and 25-horse power respectively.

The boilers, five in number, consist of two 36 feet in length and three of 30 feet, all of them being 8 feet in diameter, the smoke from which is conveyed to lofty chimney stacks ranging in height from 80 feet to 110 feet. A most complete system of fire-extinguishing apparatus is in existence throughout the works, hose being affixed to standards in all the buildings, thus avoiding the delay of attaching the apparatus on an outbreak of fire. The stables are located in a fine square block of building, affording accommodation for twenty horses, with



MARROWBONE LANE DISTILLERY BREW HOUSE

corn and hay lofts overhead, together with harness rooms, two hospitals, coach house, etc. The productions of the Marrowbone Lane Distillery are widely and favourably known in the leading markets of the world, and, wherever the merits of this universally-popular beverage are appreciated, the brand of W. Jameson and Co.'s Irish Whisky is held in well-deserved estimation and repute for its agreeable flavour and unrivalled purity of quality. Upwards of 200 hands are employed in the various departments of the Marrowbone Lane establishment, the whole of the practical details of the management being carried out with perfection of system and organisation.

## THE DUBLIN WHISKY DISTILLERY,

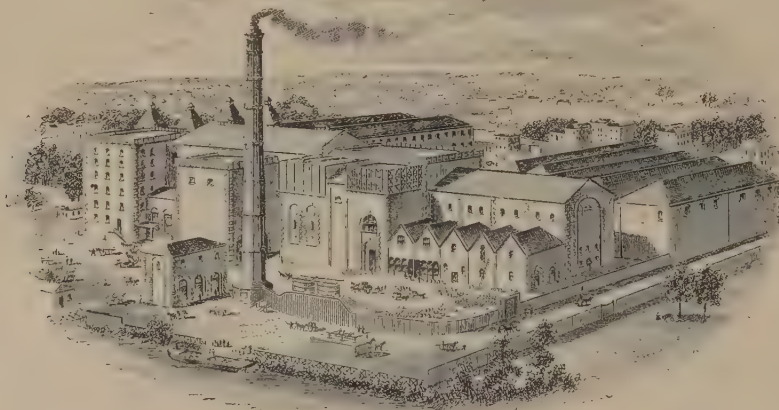
Jones' Road, Dublin.

In presenting to the notice of our subscribers the chief features of interest in the industrial and commercial history of Dublin, we need offer no apology for selecting for special distinction the eminent business known as the DUBLIN WHISKY DISTILLERY COMPANY,

or, for shortness, D. W. D. Co. This concern is one of the leading Distilleries engaged in the important trade which has contributed so significantly to the mercantile eminence of the Irish capital. It is quite unnecessary to remark that Dublin Whisky has long enjoyed a

world-wide and unrivalled reputation. Nor is it within the province of this work to trace from its original inception the rise and progress of the art and mystery

race. Since the date of its inception in 1872, the celebrated Jones' Road Distillery has been justly recognised as one of the principal businesses of its kind in the



JONES' ROAD DISTILLERY.

of whisky distillation in Ireland, but it may with accuracy be stated that from time immemorial the beverage now held in such popular esteem has been a favourite article of consumption with the Hibernian

kingdom, and from the excellence of its productions and the magnitude of its operations is unquestionably entitled to the pre-eminence it enjoys.

The Distillery, which occupies an area of 6 or 7



CENTRAL HALL, NEW WAREHOUSE, JONES' ROAD DISTILLERY.



acres of ground, is situate to the north-east of the City and stands at the terminus of the road after which it is named. The visitor enters by a handsome bridge spanning the charming little River Tolka. To the left is seen a picturesque weir, and the stream provides a motive power, working as it does a turbine wheel. Here we are standing on historic ground, none other than the site of the battlefield of Clontarf, in which battle the Danish invaders were completely routed, and, as ancient chronicles affirm, driven into the sea.

"*Autres temps, autre mœurs*," the prosperity of the business now under review illustrates a victory of another kind—that of commerce. The Distillery, built in comparatively recent times, has the advantage of every modern idea and improvement, and throughout the vast building everything has been done, that money and ingenuity could suggest, to secure perfection in every detail. Neither has artistic effect been overlooked, the whole block, with the stately chimney stack, which forms such a conspicuous landmark, presenting a pleasing appearance uncommon in structures of this size and description. The roofs of the Distillery are for the greater part flat, and form a system of reservoirs, one of which holds 100,000 gallons of water. By these means, all possibility of fire is removed; and the supports, too, of the various floors consist of hollow iron columns filled with water, which serves to show the forethought that guided every detail of construction. The entire plant is of the most improved description, and we venture to affirm that the Jones' Road Distillery is one of the best equipped establishments of its kind in the empire. In front are the general and excise offices and board and sampling rooms, while to the rear, and fronting

the Richmond Road entrance, are the cooperage works, stables, smithies, and carpenters' workshops.

The trade controlled is necessarily a large one, the markets of the firm extending all over the world. The annual output amounts to the enormous aggregate of upwards of 600,000 gallons, which can, if necessary, be increased to 800,000 without adding to the present resources. The productions of the firm are too well known in the markets of the world to require laudatory commendation in these columns, but we may be permitted to add, in concluding this necessarily brief review of a vast business undertaking, that the pure Irish whisky, which bears the well-known D. W. D. brand, probably does much to advance substantial reforms in the more pernicious drinking habits of the community. And, as we once before had occasion to remark in speaking on a kindred subject, we herein find the true answer to the devotees who worship at the shrine of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and enlist themselves under the argumentatively threadbare banners of the "United Kingdom Alliance." Let the Temperance Reformer turn his attention from rabid outbursts of intolerant bigotry and uncharitableness to a reforming zeal in the matter of those villainous decoctions which, sold under the honourable designation of Irish Whisky, constitute what Thomas Carlyle has designated the "insidious brain-stealer and soul-paralyser"! The influence of such a spirit as the DUBLIN WHISKY DISTILLERY COMPANY stand sponsors for at once supplies a valuable adjunct to the best resources of human society, and vindicates the wisdom and moderation of the ancients, who regard Bacchus as the preserver of good fellowship and the divine worker of human reconciliation.

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### JOHN MCGLOUGHLIN & SON,

Manufacturers of Ornamental Iron and Brass Work, 48, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

THIS important and well-known firm enjoys a special reputation in the art industry with which it has been so honourably associated since its foundation in 1875 by Mr. John McGloughlin. The firm's premises, in Brunswick Street, comprise showrooms, offices, and workshops, the whole extending back about 135 feet. The showroom to the front contains many fine examples of the firm's skill in both iron and brass, remarkable alike for truth of design and fineness of execution. In ecclesiastical fittings Messrs. JOHN MCGLOUGHLIN & SON are admittedly masters; and in altar and choir work, lecterns, memorial brasses, coronal standards, and brackets for gas, oil, or electricity; gates, tomb railings, and similar appointments are worthy of the reputation they have achieved.

Of course, their business is by no means confined within these special limits, but extends to wrought work of all kinds for builders and contractors. We

are well within the mark in stating that for many years this firm has carried out most of the work of this kind in the Metropolis, a very good example of its style being the ironwork of the Kildare Street Museum. Behind the showroom are the large workshops containing special plant and appliance and affording employment to a picked staff of artificers in both metals numbering about thirty hands. These workshops are of two flats 40 by 100 feet. Much of the firm's general work is confined to Dublin and the vicinity, but their ecclesiastical fittings may be seen in all parts of Ireland. With architects and the building trade their reputation is solidly established on the basis of their past achievements, and grows as time rolls on. The partners, Messrs. John and Charles McGloughlin, are both experts in the practical part of the business, and personally see to the satisfactory execution of all orders confided to their firm.]

**THOMAS W. LITTLE, Registered Plumber, Engineer, and Contractor, 12, Harcourt Street, Dublin; and 28, Upper Georges' Street, Kingstown.**

IN these advanced days, when the laws governing health are more strictly applied than has ever yet been the case, it is of the utmost importance that those whom we employ in connection with the sanitary arrangements of our dwelling houses and private and public buildings should be duly qualified to fulfil these duties. In this connection we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers the name of Mr. THOMAS W. LITTLE, Registered Plumber, Sanitary Engineer, and Contractor, 12, Harcourt Street, Dublin, and 28, Upper Georges' Street, Kingstown, as meriting special recognition as one of the leading representatives of the trade in Ireland. Mr. LITTLE commenced business in Kingstown at the above address about seven years ago, and has during that brief period met with such encouraging success that he has recently extended the scope of his operations by opening a branch house at 12, Harcourt Street, Dublin. The premises both in Dublin and Kingstown, besides being very commodious and extensive, have been tastefully arranged, and are admirably adapted for the special branch of industry for which they have been designed. They comprise neatly appointed shops, fitted up as showrooms and offices, in which are exhibited specimens of the leading specialties of the trade; these include a wide range of sanitary ware and appliances, baths, lavatories, gas fittings, and all kinds of plumbers' requisites of the most improved and modern type.

The operative departments undertaken by Mr. LITTLE include every branch of high-class sanitary, plumbing, and drainage work; gas and hot water engineering; baths, lavatories, closets, sinks, pneumatic and electric bell fixing; open and close fire-range adjustment; hydraulic works, etc., all of which are executed in a superior manner upon modern principles. A large staff of expert workmen is employed under efficient and capable management; one of the special features being the selection of skilled and experienced plumbers, each of whom is registered under the rules of the Worshipful

Company of Plumbers, London, a qualification also possessed by the principal, who in all cases personally supervises every contract or order for work undertaken by him. The utmost satisfaction is expressed by a very widespread and influential *clientèle* at the superior manner in which such works are executed, and, in consequence, the house enjoys a reputation now firmly established.

Among the many works recently completed by Mr. LITTLE may be mentioned the entire reconstruction at considerable cost of the sanitary, plumbing, and drainage appointments of the St. Vincent's Hospital and Sanatorium (occupying an area of more than two acres) from plans prepared by W. Kaye Parry, Esq., B.E., Dublin Univ.; the execution of improved sanitary works at the town mansion of Henry V. Jackson, Esq., J.P., to the design of P. F. Comber, Esq., C.E.; and the erection of modern sanitary fittings and hydraulic engineering works at the New Nursing Institution in connection with St. Vincent's Hospital.

At the time of writing, several important contracts have been entrusted to Mr. LITTLE, and are now in course of execution, notably some extensive sanitary works for the Right Hon. Earl Meath; the reconstruction of sanitary, plumbing, and hot-water arrangements at Killiney for Sir Thomas N. Deane & Son, Architects and Engineers; extensive improving works (which include electric lighting and bells) at the town mansion of Michael Murphy, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company; modern sanitary arrangements, lavatories, etc., at the new Dublin Branch of the Belfast Banking Company, from the designs of J. J. Farrall, Esq., M.R.I.A.I.; and the erection of new sewage disposal works, upon the "Oxygen" system patented by Messrs. Parry & Adeney, at the Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Dundrum. These latter works are the first of their kind, and their construction has been entrusted to Mr. LITTLE by Her Majesty's Board of Works.

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**ROYAL VICTORIA BATHS, Kingstown. Mr. J. CHAMBLEY, Proprietor.**

THE presence of well-conducted Baths, designed with the distinct aim of meeting the convenience of the general public, must be expected to contribute in no small degree to the attractiveness and popularity of any favoured watering-place; and the success which has attended the introduction of the ROYAL VICTORIA BATHS into so important a seaside resort as Kingstown constitutes the best evidence of this, and also of the readiness of visitors and residents to avail themselves of the advantages which such an institution undoubtedly confers. For upwards of twenty years the utility of these Baths has been attested in a manner which fully demonstrates the almost indispensable place they fulfil

as one of Kingstown's permanent acquisitions. From the commencement they have been controlled by Mr. J. Chambley, the gentleman to whose enterprise the patrons of the ROYAL VICTORIA BATHS are indebted, and everything which could be done to secure comfort, and to render bathing a perfect luxury, has been adopted in their general arrangements and equipment. The Baths could not possibly be better or more favourably located than in the position they occupy close to the shore. They cover a considerable area of ground and possess facilities of a first-rate order for the continuous supply of salt water from the Irish Sea, for the proper heating of the same, and for regulating the temperature to those several degrees of heat by which tepid, hot, or



graduated baths can be secured at the desire of the visitor. It would be impossible to convey within any penned description any proper idea of the abundant comforts that are placed in the way of ladies and gentlemen, or the careful systems manifested towards avoiding extremes of heat or coolness in the atmosphere of the interior of the building. The Baths are in every way as complete as any first-class concern of the same kind in the kingdom, and they serve, in some measure, to enhance the reputation of Kingstown as one of Ireland's most desirable health resorts. During the summer the Baths are frequented by large numbers of the local *élite*, as well as by all classes of tourists and families, for whom there is provided the best of accommodation and

attention. The scale of charges for reclining and shower baths is such as to induce patrons to visit the establishment frequently, and tends to popularise these delightful forms of bathing, while special provision is made for ladies and children alike in respect of attentiveness and moderate charges; and by this means families are provided with all the privileges of sea bathing and without the obtrusiveness which is usually associated with open-air bathing. The management of the Baths and the oversight of all details are in the hands of the proprietor, who is to be congratulated on the splendid organisation of the establishment and the success and continuous support which its busy activity at all times fully confirms.

### THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, Kingstown.

*Proprietors:* THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL COMPANY OF KINGSTOWN, LIMITED.

*Manager:* MR. J. H. SCHMIDT.

OF the many excellent arrangements that have been made towards providing for the increased and ever-augmenting passenger traffic between England and Ireland, the ROYAL MARINE HOTEL at Kingstown—forming a notable landmark of the picturesque Bay which it overlooks—presents an interesting and suitable illustration. As a first-class marine residence, affording the advantages of a suburban hotel, and at the same time offering the comforts and benefits of the metropolitan hosteleries, the house stands alone among the palatial stopping places of Ireland.

To the allusion to its external and structural attractiveness which is given above, and which any sketch of the Hotel must necessarily embody, we may add that the building is distinguishable for its regularity of outline, its commanding and ornate façade, and the ornamental turrets and fine portico by which it is dignified—apart from the many elegant features which characterise the architectural design of the building and indicate how fully the main points of advantageous prospect have been considered. The Hotel is opposite the landing pier of the English Mail steamers; has access to the Bray, Wicklow, and Dublin Railways; and a splendid stretch of garden ground is all that divides the building from Dublin Bay. In point of fact, the pier alongside which the Holyhead steamers berth is almost underneath the windows, and from almost any of the front parts of the building there is obtainable an extensive and uninterrupted series of views not only of the Bay but of the surroundings and all the varied features of interest which have brought this beautiful expanse of water into favour with sight-seers. The block of building forms three sides of a square, and the four floors and basement present an example of perfect organization and equipment scarcely rivalled by any hotel in the kingdom. Accommodation for no fewer than 300 bedrooms is here shown; this splendid range of sleeping places being furnished and appointed on a scale of uniform comfort and completeness. Each apartment is a model of cleanliness and

sanitation, and the graduation of charges is only based according to the favourable or preferable location of the rooms. Important and special features of appointment are noted in the ladies' coffee, drawing, and reading rooms, as well as in the sitting and bedrooms and billiard and smoking rooms. The indispensable element of sanitation is considered in the utmost degree; and in respect of drainage, water supply, and ventilation, the house presents a condition highly creditable to the unsparing hand with which the proprietors have introduced therein every scientific and other modern improvement that sanitary skill could suggest. The excellence of the work may be estimated from the fact that it was carried out by the eminent firm of Messrs. Maguire and Sons, and has received the unqualified endorsement of Sir. C. A. Cameron, the Chief Officer of Health for the City of Dublin. While it is obviously impossible to enter *seriatim* into all the numerous advantages which this magnificent Hotel confers upon the travelling public, attention may be opportunely directed to the special attractions offered to large dinner and wedding parties, the requirements for whom are purveyed in exquisite style and with the efficiency to be expected of a house which has long ranked prominently among the leading catering establishments of the country. The resources of the *cuisine*, and the employment of a staff skilled in every department of high-class culinary art, tend to offer the best evidence of the premier place which the ROYAL MARINE HOTEL maintains in this respect. It would be impossible to find any house out of London where more assiduous regard for the hospitable and homelike comforts of all classes is shown; and though the prosperity of the Hotel has been unwavering and progressive for upwards of a quarter of a century, it is due to the credit of the present limited liability directorate to say that under their control it has increased enormously in the estimation of its far-extending and numerous circle of guests, for whose varied wishes Mr. J. H. Schmidt, the genial and attentive manager of the Hotel, makes every desirable provision.

**E. & F. BROWETT, Ironmongers, Contractors, Seedsmen, &c.,**

**19, Upper Georges' Street, Kingstown.**

ALTHOUGH of comparatively recent establishment, the business conducted by MESSRS. EDWARD and FRANK BROWETT, Ironmongers, Contractors, and Seedsmen, is one of the most progressive and rapidly extending of this character in Ireland, and, from the energy and enterprise with which it has been developed by the spirited proprietors, gives every indication of achieving still more important proportions in the immediate future. Messrs. BROWETT commenced operations about four years ago near the site of the premises they now occupy at 19, Upper Georges' Street, Kingstown, and finding, from the rapid expansion of the business, the necessity for additional scope for their trade, removed a short time since to the above address. The establishment is of very commodious proportions, the building having a commanding frontage and extending back to a distance of over 150 feet. The limits of our space do not afford a detailed enumeration of the articles exhibited in the several departments of Messrs.

BROWETT's large warehouse, and we are thus compelled to briefly outline the heads of the various items which constitute the leading features of the stock. These include house furnishing, ironmongery, lamps, cutlery, oils, colours, chandlery, sheet and plate glass, iron bedsteads, bedding, glass, china, room papers, and delph, and an immense variety of hardware and horticultural appliances and requisites of all kinds. The firm also undertake contracts of any magnitude for gas, hot-water, and sanitary engineering; house painting and renovating; smiths', joinery, and upholsterers' work, &c., in which a staff of about 50 competent hands are employed. An illustrated catalogue is issued by the firm, containing a full description of their extensive stock of goods and the leading specialities submitted for inspection in their stores, and we should certainly advise intending purchasers to master the contents and consult Messrs. BROWETT's list of prices before selecting elsewhere.

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**KAVANAGH & SONS,**

**The Medical Hall, 107, Upper Georges' Street, Kingstown. DR. CORBET, *Proprietor.***

A LEADING and accredited representative of the high-class pharmacy trade of Kingstown is presented in the eminent house of Messrs. KAVANAGH and SONS, proprietors of the Medical Hall, dispensing and family chemists, and manufacturers and importers of mineral waters. The long and prosperous existence of the business since its foundation in 1825 indicates the sound support which it has elicited during an extensive span of nearly three-quarters of a century; and the valuable connections and interests accumulated during that period are well preserved under the guidance of Dr. Corbet, who succeeded Dr. G. Kavanagh, L.R.C.S.I., by whom, until quite recently, the Medical Hall was conducted. The maintenance of the repute and honourable status acquired by the family of the Kavanaghs is partly secured in the retention of that firm's title, and the fact that the firm are State Apothecaries is well emphasized in the Royal escutcheon which dignifies the otherwise ornamental façade of the house. The pillared doorway, the elegant projection above the window and door-line, and the fine stone balustrade by which the building is surmounted all tend to render it an elegant structural feature of the thoroughfare. Internally there are corresponding features of taste, careful arrangement, and general attractiveness; and whether by reason of its appointments, or the fulness and diversity of its stocks, it would be difficult to conceive an establishment which more satisfactorily fulfils the ideals of a distinctly first-class medical emporium. The special attention which the firm have long devoted to the dispensing of physicians' and surgeons' prescriptions is emphasized in the fact that the compounding department is separate from the retail, and is presided over by qualified assistants under

the direct and immediate personal supervision of the principal. In reference to the general stock, it is worth while to direct special attention to the fact that the firm deal in none of those photographic chemicals, mineral colours, or other coarse and corrosive articles of commerce which frequently form part of the collections of a large drug dépôt, but which for obvious reasons it is better to eliminate from a stock in which a standard of purity must be preserved, and guarantee against the possibilities of negligent mixture tendered. All the drugs, toilet goods, and pharmacy preparations not manufactured or compounded on the establishment are imported from the most reputed sources in London and Paris, and much enterprise is evinced in placing in stock every recommended specialty as early as possible after it has been introduced. For the manufacture and importation of mineral waters Messrs. KAVANAGH and SONS have long held facilities of an exceptional description, and they are the patentees and introducers of a series of productions which it is impossible to enumerate within the present space limits, but which it may be said have been found invaluable specifics for all the uses and purposes they are designed to serve. One of the most gratifying features of the firm's operations is the attention they devote to the wishes and needs of adherents in the suburban districts of Bullock, Dolkey, Killiney, and Blackrock as regards delivery at all hours. The organisation of the house calls for special comment and approval, and the Medical Hall offers the supreme advantage that its operations are controlled by one who is not only a purveyor of medicines but a medical gentleman, of considerable eminence and experience, conversant with the requirements of all conditions of family ailment and distress.



**THOMAS BROWN, Importer of Cigars, Tobacco, etc., 86, Lower Georges' Street, Kingstown.**

THE almost universal use, in some of its various forms, of the "fragrant herb" gives a definite importance to those representative houses engaged in catering for the requirements of popular taste in this direction, and fully justifies the claims to prominent recognition of establishments similar in class and character to that conducted for the past quarter of a century by Mr. THOMAS BROWN, Importer of Havana Cigars, Egyptian Cigarettes, and Fancy Tobaccos, 86, Lower Georges' Street, Kingstown. This establishment occupies a splendid position for business purposes, and, being situated next door to Messrs. Findlater and Company's premises, commands one of the best sites in Kingstown. The shop has an attractively designed double frontage, with fine plate-glass windows, and both in its external and interior appointments bears favourable comparison

with the best establishment in the Metropolis. The stock is replete with the choicest brands of Havana cigars, amongst which will be found Villar de Villers, Intimidads, Henry Clay's, Cabanas, Larranagas, and other best qualities of Foreign and British varieties; also cigarettes and fancy tobaccos in all the leading and popular brands. A special feature of this gentleman's trade is the celebrated Smoking Mixture bearing his name and the appropriate trade mark "Suivez la Raison," which for delicacy of flavour is unrivalled by any packet tobacco in the trade. Mr. BROWN has also in stock every description of meerschaum and briar pipes and a great variety of smokers' requisites of the choicest quality. The establishment is widely patronised by the *élite* of the resident nobility and gentry in Kingstown, and is, during the season, a favourite resort with visitors to the district from all parts of the world.

### JOHN RING & SONS,

**Plumbers and Contractors, 48, Lower Georges' Street, Kingstown.**

THERE are few better known names in connection with sanitary improvements than the leading firm of Messrs. JOHN RING AND SONS, Plumbers and Contractors, 48, Lower Georges' Street, Kingstown, of whose extensive business operations in this branch of industry we present this brief sketch to our readers. The firm commenced business twenty years ago in York Road, and continued at that address for a few years, when, in consequence of the rapid expansion of the trade, they found it necessary to remove to the more commodious site now occupied at the above address. The premises comprise extensive showroom and office, the former containing a wide assortment of baths, hot and cold water fittings, lavatories, and all kinds of plumbers' requisites and sanitary appliances. Amongst the latter special mention must be awarded to Ring and Kelly's "Patent Flushing Apparatus for Water Closets," an ingenious and cleverly designed arrangement for this purpose. Simple in action and difficult to put out of order, this cistern fulfils

every requirement of sanitary perfection, and has already attained a widespread sale to the principal sanitary authorities and local boards of health in the kingdom. Amongst the public buildings recently supplied by the firm with this apparatus may be indicated the Royal Barracks, in which fourteen of this pattern appliance have been fixed. Messrs. RING undertake, with the assistance of a competent staff of workmen, every description of sanitary, plumbing, and drainage works, which are executed on the most approved modern principles in order to secure the perfect sanitation of dwellings; the erection of baths and lavatories; and fixing kitchen ranges, copper boilers, hot water cylinders, and all appliances for hot water heating and fitting. A first-class all-round trade has been established by Messrs. RING AND SONS in each department of their business, all work undertaken by these gentlemen ensuring their strict personal supervision, affording an ample guarantee for the satisfactory fulfilment of every order entrusted to their skilful hands for completion.

### JOHN FIELD, Victualler and Poulterer, Monkstown and Blackrock.

FOR half a century past the business still conducted in the name of the founder, Mr. JOHN FIELD, Victualler and Poulterer, of Monkstown and Blackrock, has held a leading position in the purveying trade as one of the largest and most important in Ireland. The business was originally established fifty years ago by the late Mr. JOHN FIELD, who was subsequently succeeded in the control by his son Mr. William Field, trading under the style so long and honourably associated with the house. The premises occupied by Mr. Field comprise large and well-fitted shops, at Monkstown and Blackrock, conveniently arranged for business purposes, and affording ample accommodation for the reception of the large stocks necessary to meet the requirements of this extensive trade. The establishments are daily supplied

with fresh consignments of the choicest Wicklow, Welsh, Scotch, and South Down Mutton; prime Kerry and ox-beef, lamb, veal, pork and poultry; and all kinds of furred and feathered game in season. Only the very best qualities of produce are held by Mr. Field, in order to meet the demands of his essentially high-class connection, which embraces the leading aristocracy resident between Dublin and Kingstown. The services of a numerous staff of salesmen are retained in each establishment, and orders are daily delivered throughout the district by well-appointed vehicles employed for this purpose. Mr. William Field occupies a responsible and representative position as president of the Irish Cattle Traders' and Stock-owners' Association; also vice-president for Ireland of the National Federation of Meat Traders of the United Kingdom.

**WILLIAM BYRNE, Victualler, etc., 2, Quinsborough Road, Bray.**

AMONGST the leading houses engaged in the purveying trade in Bray is that of Mr. WILLIAM BYRNE, Victualler, whose well-known establishment at 2, Quinsborough Road, supplies the subject of this briefly descriptive notice. The business was established twenty years ago by Mr. BYRNE at the above address, the premises comprising extensive double-fronted shop of attractive appearance, and extending a considerable distance to the rear. The interior is handsomely fitted in modern style, the walls being lined with encaustic tiles, and all the trade requisites are of the best and most improved description. The establishment is daily supplied with consignments of the primest qualities of

home-fed beef, mutton, lamb, veal, etc., selected with the greatest care and judgment from the leading centres of production in the country, and unsurpassed for superior excellence by any house in the trade. An extensive and influential family and hotel trade has been established by Mr. BYRNE, whose vans are daily employed in the collection and delivery of orders in all parts of the district. A staff of civil and attentive sale assistants is engaged in the establishment under the direction of the proprietor, who gives the closest personal attention to every detail of the management, and has, by his energetic supervision, secured for the business a foremost position in the trade of the district.

**E. BEGGS,**

**General House Furnishing and Builders' Ironmonger and Seed Merchant,**

**108, Main Street, Bray.**

AMONGST the principal establishments of commercial importance in Bray must be classed the well-known business house conducted with success by Mr. EDWARD BEGGS, whose extensive hardware, cutlery, and brush warehouse will repay a visit of inspection from our readers. The business was established ten years ago by the above-named gentleman at his present address, 108, Main Street, Bray, and has been greatly developed and extended since that date. The premises, situated opposite Quinsboro' Road, comprise large double shop with attractive frontage, presenting spacious facilities for the display of the varied and comprehensive stock submitted for inspection. This embraces a wide range of house-furnishing and builders' ironmongery; iron and brass ornamental bedsteads, bedding, etc.; fenders, fire irons, and brasses; coal vases, toilet sets, and japanned ware; a large assortment of cutlery and electroplated goods and stable requisites; table, suspension, and wall-

back lamps; globes, chimneys, wicks, and burners; oils, colors, varnishes, cement, and window glasses, etc. Mr. BEGGS has also in stock every description of vegetable, flower, and agricultural seeds of approved quality, and is agent for the sale of Messrs. Goulding's celebrated manures. The operative departments of the business include general house repairs, plumbing, and sanitary work; lock-repairing and bell-hanging in all its branches; stove and range fitting, etc., for which the services of a staff of competent workmen are employed in order to complete orders of this description with the utmost promptitude. A splendid connection has been established by Mr. BEGGS in the district, which includes the patronage of the principal nobility and gentry in Bray and the neighbourhood, and in addition this gentleman has been entrusted with the execution of important contracts for materials and work for the new pier, new harbour, electric lighting, and the new railway opening from Bray to Ennis Kerry.

**R. B. ANDREWS,**

**Clothier, Outfitter, Boot and Shoe Warehouse, 107, Main Street, Bray.**

For upwards of a quarter of a century past the establishment conducted by Mr. R. B. ANDREWS, Clothier and Boot and Shoe Dealer, at 107, Main Street, Bray, has occupied a leading position in these important trades, fully meriting the attention of our readers. The business was established by Mr. Andrews in 1864, and his son, Mr. R. B. ANDREWS, succeeded in 1873, and has by the energy and enterprise displayed in the management by this gentleman achieved a decided and substantial commercial success. The premises in Main Street comprise large double shop, divided, for the convenience of the branches of the trade, into separate departments, one side being occupied for the ready-made clothing, and the other forming the boot and shoe warehouse. In each a wide selection of goods is submitted for inspection, large stocks being held

of gentlemen's, youths', and juveniles' clothing in all the newest and most fashionable styles and of superior excellence of cut, material, and workmanship. In boots and shoes will be found the most stylish wear for ladies, gentlemen, and children in every variety for the promenade; and Gaelic boots, athletic outfits, football, etc., etc. Amongst the specialties in this department may be noted the celebrated make, known as the "K" boots, in "Waterproof," "City," "Pliant," and other patterns, for which Mr. ANDREWS holds the appointment of agent in the district. A first-class connection has been established by the proprietor, who is very widely patronised by the leading gentry and inhabitants of Bray, and who also derives considerable support from the numerous visitors who flock to this popular watering place during the summer season.



## PATRICK &amp; HENRY EGAN,

General Merchants, Brewers, Wine and Spirit Dealers, Bridge House, Tullamore.

IN these records of the principal commercial successes of the South of Ireland, special distinction must be assigned to the leading firm of Messrs. PATRICK AND HENRY EGAN, General Merchants, Brewers, and Wine and Spirit Dealers, of the Bridge House, Tullamore, the extent of whose comprehensive and wide range of business operations fully merits prominent recognition in this work on the commercial progress of the district. The history of the business dates back about a century, when it was originated by a Mr. Deverell at a brewery, the Bridge House portion of the undertaking being acquired in 1852 by Messrs. EGAN, who subsequently added the brewery department in 1866. The general warehouse situated next the bridge is of great extent, and may fairly claim to be the most extensive establishment of this character in the South of Ireland. The building is three storeys in height and presents a substantial and attractive exterior appearance, the large windows being effectively utilised for the display of a wide selection of stock of the highest quality. The interior is appointed in modern style and affords spacious accommodation for the working of the several departments; the building extending rearwards a depth of 100 yards, and is open in the centre with galleries surrounding this portion of the premises. It would be impossible, within the brief limits of this sketch, to afford our readers more than an outline of the comprehensive stocks held in the various departments, which include under their several headings the choicest growths of teas, general groceries, provisions, Italian warehouse goods, and American and Colonial produce; the finest old vintage wines, brandies, Irish and Scotch whiskies of the best-known brands, and other spirits; general, furnishing, and building ironmongery; agricultural and



farm implements, seeds, manures, etc.; and an immense assortment of articles of household utility of the most comprehensive character. Neither pains nor expense has been spared in order to make the arrangements of the establishment as complete as possible, the cash railway system being adopted throughout and a numerous staff of sale assistants retained for each of the departments. Adjoining the warehouse is a well-appointed wine and spirit bar for the retail customers of the firm, and a suite of offices is to be found on the first floor above. Extending some distance to the rear are extensive coal, iron, and timber stores, and steam saw mills, and here also are large stocks of slates, bricks, tiles, and other building materials. The Brewery is of commodious proportions, and is amply equipped with new and improved plant and appliances for producing in the utmost perfection the high-class stouts, ales, and porter for which Messrs. EGAN have long been justly noted. Upwards of one hundred employes are engaged in the several departments of the business, which at all times present a scene of busy industrial activity, evidencing the immense volume of trade controlled by the firm in each branch of their comprehensive operations. The firm have

large malt premises for the manufacture both for their own use and for sale. Lately has been added a mineral water plant, which is worked at the Brewery in connection with the wholesale wine and spirit department, large quantities being turned out and increasing trade being done throughout the district.

Messrs. EGAN have won by their energetic and spirited enterprise a well-deserved position of eminence in the commercial world, and have also secured the very substantial support and confidence of a widespread and valuable connection extending throughout the surrounding district.

## JOHN QUINN, Baker and Family Grocer, Newbridge.

FOR upwards of half a century this old-established house—now conducted during the past six years by Mr. JOHN QUINN—has been justly classed with the leading business houses in Kildare, and fully merits the prominence given it in these reviews. Its history dates back to 1839, when it was founded by the late Mr. John

Tracey. It has gradually developed a reputation in the hands of the present proprietor which is now widespread and far-famed. The premises are centrally situated in Main Street, and comprise grocery, provision, and spirit departments, all arranged in the best order to meet the requirements of a steadily increasing

trade. Attached is the extensive bakery, fitted up with every modern appliance necessary for the production of good bread, the stuffs used being of best quality, principally Irish and Minnesota patents. A very large trade is done in each department, everything in stock being of high-class quality and purchased direct of the market, which saves a middleman's profits. The services of a

number of active assistants are secured in the business, which is very ably and efficiently conducted under the personal supervision of the proprietor, who has by his unremitting efforts well sustained the time-honoured reputation of the house for superior quality and value in every article supplied. Bread van deliveries twice daily to Curragh and surrounding districts.

### CONLAN BROTHERS,

Grocers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Purveyors and Victuallers, Main Street, Newbridge.

It is of the first importance in connection with a large garrison centre like Newbridge to secure ample facilities for the daily supply of every description of fresh provisions and other requirements for the victualling department, and in this respect both the town and surrounding districts are well served by the eminent firm of MESSRS. CONLAN BROTHERS, Family Grocers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Purveyors, and Victuallers, whose extensive establishment in Main Street merits justly prominent recognition in these reviews. This old-established business was founded nearly a century ago by a Mr. Johnston, who was subsequently succeeded by Mr. Goff, and some years later by Mr. Robert J. Hawkins, at whose death, seven years ago, Messrs. CONLAN BROTHERS, whose names are respectively Mr. Denis and Mr. Andrew Conlan, acquired the concern. The premises occupied by these gentlemen comprise a series of elegantly designed shops, having a frontage to Main Street of 100ft., directly opposite the Barrack gates. The building in the centre of the block is occupied by the purveying department, fitted up with every modern convenience for the requirements of a large trade of this character, and very fully stocked with a comprehensive assortment of high-class goods. Adjoining this are large offices, and flanking either side

are the victualling and wine and spirit departments. It would be impossible to speak too highly of the superior quality of every article held in stock, which includes in each branch specially selected goods bought for cash in the best markets, no inferior produce of any kind being retained by the firm. Special care has been exercised in the selection of their teas by the proprietors, which include the most favourite new season's growth, and are remarkable for their combination of strength, aroma, and delicious flavour. In the rear are extensive bottling stores and cellarage, in which are stocked large quantities of Guinness's stout, Bass's ales, &c., and here also the firm have a mineral water manufactory for the production of every description of aerated beverages. A widespread connection has been established by the firm in both their family trade and in supplying by contract the military messes of the garrison at Newbridge and the Curragh Camp, to which the proprietors have organised a van delivery twice daily in order to meet the requirements of their military customers. A numerous staff of employés is engaged in the several departments of the business under the personal direction of the principals, whose well-directed energy and enterprise are evidenced in every detail of the management of their conspicuously successful and deservedly popular commercial establishment.

### TUITE'S Watch, Clock, Jewellery, and Fancy Goods Warehouse, Mullingar.

THE above attractive establishment will repay a visit of inspection by our readers. The business was originally founded in 1823 by the late Mr. John Tuite, father of the present proprietor. The premises comprise large and handsome double-fronted shop, elegantly appointed throughout with effective taste, the windows, with their glittering assortment of valuable and artistically designed goods, forming a specially notable feature of the establishment. The interior is appropriately in keeping with the high-class character of the business, elegant show cases affording facilities for the exhibition of the large and varied stock submitted for inspection. This embraces a wide assortment of ladies' and gentle-

men's gold and silver jewellery, English and foreign watches in all the most fashionable patterns, dining-room, drawing-room, and carriage clocks, silver and electroplate ware, fancy hardware, leather and cabinet goods, and an infinite variety of costly and beautiful articles suitable for prizes, presentation, etc. Special attention is directed by Mr. TUIE to the execution of all kinds of repairs, which are completed on the premises by competent and trustworthy hands. An extensive and influential connection has been established for many years by the present proprietor and his predecessor, the public confidence having been secured and retained by the uniform standard of superior quality which distinguishes every article supplied by this establishment.



**SHIEL'S TOBACCO WAREHOUSE AND CORN STORES,**  
Dominick Street, Mullingar.

Two distinct branches of trade, both of the utmost commercial importance, are represented in Mullingar by L. J. Shiel, proprietor of Shiel's well-known tobacco warehouse and corn stores, to which we have pleasure in directing the attention of our readers. The business was founded about fifty years ago by the late Mr. John Shiel, and continued by that gentleman until his death, when he was succeeded by his son, the present proprietor, Mr. L. J. Shiel. The premises occupied by this gentleman are centrally situated in Dominick Street, and comprise large building, with handsome and attractive frontage of fifty feet, divided into two separate departments, one of which forms the tobacco warehouse and the other the corn stores. The former is beautifully fitted with effective taste for the display of the large and varied stock held by the proprietor, which includes the finest qualities of British and foreign cigars, cigarettes and cheroots, and all the best-known brands of packet and

loose tobaccos from the principal manufacturers in England, Scotland, and Ireland; negro head, roll and cavendish, and a great variety of smokers' requisites of every description. The firm sends to all parts of the kingdom, per parcels post, a large quantity of tobacco, etc. The corn stores are replete with all kinds of grain and feeding stuffs, the stocks held of this class of produce being exceptionally extensive in order to keep pace with the demands of the ever-increasing trade in this department. Each branch of the business is highly successful, owing doubtless to the very superior excellence of the goods supplied by the proprietor, whose extended experience in both trades, and sound judgment in selection, enable him to meet the requirements of the widespread connection throughout the district, whose confidence and support have for so many years past been extended both to the present proprietor and his respected predecessor.

**WILLIAM GORDON,**

General Draper, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Outfitter, Carpet and Furnishing Warehouseman,  
Commercial House, Mullingar.

IN selecting for the purposes of this work the principal features of commercial interest in this part of the country, we have pleasure in singling out for distinctive mention the old-established and eminent house of Mr. WILLIAM GORDON, general draper, ladies' and gentlemen's outfitter, carpet and furnishing warehouseman, Commercial House, Mullingar, as the leading representative establishment of this description in the district. The business is of very old standing, having been founded half a century ago by the late WILLIAM GORDON, who continued the control until his death, when he was succeeded by his son, the present sole proprietor, Mr. John Wallace Gordon, who still retains the trading title so long associated with the establishment. The premises occupied by this gentleman are centrally situated in the town, and comprise the handsome building known as Commercial House, presenting an imposing double frontage to the street, three storeys high, with attractively-arranged windows displaying a wide assortment of new season's novelties in high-class drapery and tailoring materials. The establishment is divided into two sections, each with double counters, and with the work-rooms, offices, etc., extends 200 feet to the rear, affording ample accommodation for the working of the several departments. These embrace the newest designs in dress goods, costumes, mantles, millinery, ladies' under-clothing, baby linen, sheetings, woollens, household linens and napery, hosiery, gloves, silk and felt hats, ready-mades, carpets, oilcloths, and general house-furnishings. Special attention is directed to the bespoke tailoring department, in which will be found the highest quality of Irish, Scotch, and English tweeds, friezes, woollens, and other materials of superior excellence for

gentlemen's morning, lounge, and dress clothes; ladies' tailor-made habits, jackets, and gowns; liveries; and hunting and shooting outfits. In connection with this branch of the trade, Mr. GORDON was the first to introduce to the notice of the public the Irish frieze great-coats, which have since achieved a world-wide popularity, and which have been supplied to the members of the Royal families of Great Britain and the Continent, from whom the firm has received autograph letters entitling the use of the Royal and Imperial arms as an acknowledgment of the unrivalled excellence of the "Cotha More," the national synonym for this product of Irish industry. Other departments of the business include millinery, mantle and dressmaking in all the fashionable styles; and the complete furnishing of funerals in the most superior manner, Mr. GORDON having been entrusted with the conduct of the obsequies of many of the leading members of the aristocracy in the district. The services of a staff of about fifty sale assistants and workpeople are employed in the several branches of the business, in order to meet the requirements of the extensive and influential *clientèle* of the firm, which includes the principal county families and landed gentry within a wide radius of Mullingar and the surrounding districts. The business is admirably managed throughout under the personal supervision of the principal, Mr. J. W. Gordon, who, we may mention, is widely popular with all classes in the locality as a leader in all movements for the benefit of his fellow-townsmen; and as a keen supporter of our national field sports, whether across country or as an active member of the race committee, few men have secured a more substantial measure of public respect than has this much-esteemed gentleman.

**B. J. PURCELL, Family Grocer, Wine Importer, and Italian Warehouseman, Mullingar.**

THIS old-established business was founded forty years ago by the late Mr. T. P. Byrne, family grocer, wine and tea importer, and Italian warehouseman, and was continued by that gentleman until sixteen years back, when the concern was acquired by his nephew, the present proprietor, Mr. B. J. PURCELL, who has since that date considerably extended and developed the trade. The premises occupied by this gentleman comprise handsome and commodious block of building, with attractive frontage, having an entrance at each side, one admitting to the grocery department and the other to the beautifully-fitted wine and spirit stores. The interior is of spacious proportions, and conveniently arranged for the operations of the trade in each branch of the business. The stocks held by the proprietor embrace the finest growths of India, China, and Ceylon teas blended with critical taste; coffees, fruits, spices, and general groceries and Italian warehouse goods in great variety. The wine and spirit department contains a wide selection of the choicest vintages and brands imported direct by the proprietor and the finest old brandies and other liquors of the most superior quality. Mr. PURCELL is also a large holder of John Jameson and Son's and John Power and Son's celebrated Dublin whiskies, and as such has the advantage of a large and

increasing business with private consumers in different parts of England, notably Nottingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Thirsk, Leeds, London, Bournemouth, etc., etc. To all of these places he frequently consigns parcels, in wood and bottle, of his old Irish whiskies.

This part of his business is due in no small way to the influx of English tourists (followers of Izaak Walton) to the celebrated Westmeath trout lakes; and to those visiting this district for the first time a word of advice now given is, not to fail to visit this excellent establishment, where every attention will be given by the courteous proprietor. Mr. PURCELL is sole agent in this district for Cantrell and Cochrane's celebrated mineral waters, and holds a similar appointment for the Royal Insurance Company. A splendid family connection has been established by Mr. PURCELL, whose extensive *clientèle* includes the leading resident gentry in the district and all classes of the local public. Well-appointed vehicles are employed in the daily collection and delivery of orders, in order to meet the requirements of customers at a distance, and the whole arrangements of the management of the business in the hands of the energetic proprietor are of the most efficient and perfect character, in every respect in keeping with the importance and extent of this gentleman's commercial operations.

**NOONEY & SONS,**

**House Furnishers; Ironmongers; Timber, Coal, and General Merchants;  
Undertakers, &c., Mullingar.**

THERE are very few business houses in Ireland that can lay claim to an unbroken record of successful commercial existence of so lengthened a period as the eminent firm of Messrs. NOONEY AND SONS, House Furnishers; Ironmongers; Timber, Coal, and General Merchants; who have for nearly a century and a half held a leading position in mercantile circles, entitling them to distinctive mention in these historical reviews. The business was originally founded by an ancestor of the present proprietor, Mr. T. F. Nooney, who represents the fifth generation of the family in direct succession who have occupied the position of head of the firm. The premises are centrally situated at the junction of Earl Street and Church Avenue, forming an immense corner block of buildings, presenting an attractive frontage to the first-named thoroughfare of 100 feet, and extending in the rear a distance of 100 yards. The front portion of the premises in Earl Street consists of large and handsome showrooms devoted to the display of a wide range of drawing, dining, and bedroom furniture in well-seasoned woods and of the best workmanship; bedding, perambulators, and a great variety of household requisites, etc. In the ironmongery department is shown every description of builders', furnishing, and general hardware; tools of all kinds; and a comprehensive variety of goods which the limits imposed upon our

space preclude us enumerating in detail. Messrs. NOONEY have also large stocks of oils and colours, room and wall papers, kitchen ranges, stoves, and grates; window glass; and in the rear large timber yards stocked with all kinds of valuable timber; iron and metal stores; slates; and every description of builder's materials. The firm has also large coal yards, and in another part of the town an extensive cabinet and furniture factory; nor does this exhaust the list of their multifarious operations, which also include funeral furnishing and the erection of corrugated iron hay sheds and other temporary buildings of this material. An immense volume of trade is controlled in each department, the connection of the firm extending for many miles around, and, with the vast resources at their command for meeting the requirements of all classes of the public in every direction, it is not surprising that Messrs. NOONEY'S gigantic stores retain the popularity they have so long and deservedly enjoyed with every section of the community from the peer to the peasant. The services of a numerous staff of sale assistants and workmen are employed in the several branches of the business, which is conducted throughout with hereditary ability and enterprise by the proprietor, whose well-directed energy and sound practical judgment well sustain the time-honoured reputation of this ancient and eminently successful commercial undertaking.



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*From Photo by Lawrence.*

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DROGHEDA ("a bridge") is one of the most interesting towns in Ireland, and has been closely associated with the chief events in Irish history since the days of Henry II. Originally consisting of two towns divided by the River Boyne, Drogheda became a single municipality in 1427. It was long one of the chief administrative centres of the Pale, the meeting-place of the Irish Parliament, and a leading ecclesiastical centre. Richard II., on the memorable occasion of his expedition to Ireland, received at Drogheda the submission of the Ulster chieftains, a submission as illusory as that of his powerful Norman barons. But the most memorable event in the history of the town is the horrible massacre, not only of its garrison, but also of its inhabitants, by Oliver Cromwell's soldiery. The garrison, says a late historian, fought bravely, and repulsed the first attack, but a second drove Aston and

his force back to the Hill-Mount. "Our men getting up to them," ran Cromwell's terrible dispatch, "were ordered by me to put them all to the sword; and, indeed, being in the heat of action, I forbade them to spare any that were in arms in the town, and I think that night they put to death about two thousand men." A few fled to St. Peter's Church, "whereupon I ordered the steeple to be fired, when one of them was heard to say in the midst of the flames, 'God damn me, I burn, I burn.'" In the church itself nearly one thousand were put to the sword. "I believe all their friars were knocked on the head promiscuously but two." Of the remnant of the soldiers who were driven to yield at last through hunger, "when they submitted, their officers were knocked on the head, every tenth man of the soldiers killed, and the rest shipped for Barbadoes." "I am persuaded," the dispatch ends characteristically, "that



this is a righteous judgment of God upon these barbarous wretches, who have imbrued their hands in so much innocent blood, and that it will tend to prevent the effusion of blood in the future." Which was the more "barbarous," the butcher or the-butchered, is no difficult question. What a blow this fearful outrage was to the prosperity of Drogheda needs not be said. No event of any notable importance is marked in its annals for a hundred and forty years, and then, close

The town itself is pleasantly situated on the Boyne about five miles from the sea, is substantially built, and has a population of about thirteen thousand souls. It is mainly a trading and distributive centre for the counties lying to the west, with which it possesses the best railway communication. But the neighbourhood is full of the most impressive historical and ecclesiastical associations and many monuments that will arrest



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### THE QUAYS, DROGHEDA.

by, at the "town" of Sedbridge, was fought the Battle of the Boyne, on the first (twelfth) of July, 1690, an event as memorable in our national history as Waterloo itself, and closely connected with the later developments of our Governmental system. Since the Battle of the Boyne the inhabitants of Drogheda have settled down quietly to the development of their trade, commerce, and industries, and have mingled no more than other modern communities in national contests.

the attention of every student of the past. Among these, not the least noteworthy is the ancient town gate of St. Lawrence, within stone-throw of which, or, perhaps, under whose very portal, must have passed many an impressive scene. But we turn from such thoughts to record in permanent form some of the salient features of the prosperous business enterprises of to-day which go to make up the commercial world of the famous and historic town.

## THE DROGHEDA CHEMICAL MANURE COMPANY,

Drogheda.

THE astounding progress which the twin sisters Art and Science have been instrumental in effecting in relation to agricultural pursuits are among the chief triumphs of the present century; and not the least suggestive among the many evidences of latter-day advancement is the fact that the chemist is comparatively independent of the old-fashioned fertilizers, being able to produce, by the aid of the crucible, from a variety of organic and inorganic substances, a series of artificial materials of the highest manurial value. Engaged in the manufacture of these inestimable aids to vegetable productiveness, there is no firm in the kingdom, so far

Company's output is in every respect compatible with the splendid manufacturing facilities which everywhere abound throughout the establishment. The specialties of the DROGHEDA CHEMICAL MANURE COMPANY include superphosphate, special manure, dissolved bones, bone manure, bone compound, special potato manure, special root manure, potato, grass, and turnip manures. As an evidence of the high quality of the several items, the Company holds some very valuable medallic testimonials, among which may be specified the first prize medal Dublin Exhibition, 1872; prize medal from the Irish National Exhibition, 1882; prize medal Cork Exhibition, 1883; and first prize at the Artizan



as we are aware, standing higher in the estimation of agriculturalists than the well-known Company whose title stands at the head of the present review.

THE DROGHEDA CHEMICAL MANURE COMPANY, which is carried on under the sole proprietorship of F. St. George Smith, Esq., was founded just a quarter of a century ago, and, from the date of the Company's inception, its mercantile progress and development have been of an almost phenomenal character. The works in Drogheda are of considerable extent, covering as they do several acres of ground, and it would be impossible to meet with better-arranged or more effectively equipped manure factories throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom; and the quality of the

Exhibition, 1885. The products of the firm find a ready market in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and with recent years a very valuable export trade has been inaugurated, the volume and value of which constantly receive the most gratifying augmentation and enhancement. In the various departments of the Company's flourishing establishment from fifty to one hundred hands are employed, and in the administration of the affairs of so great an organisation the proprietor, assisted by his esteemed manager, Mr. Charles McKenny, brings to bear that commendable spirit of energy and truly liberal enterprise which have ever signalled the policy of this successfully-conducted industrial concern.



**CASEY & CO., LIMITED,**

**Brewers; Wholesale Tea, Wine, and Whisky Merchants; Stout and Porter Brewers; Drogheda.**

A REVIEW of the great industries which form the wealth and fame of Drogheda would be incomplete without a detailed mention of the brewing trade, for this department of industry is of considerable importance, owing to the wealth it represents, the number of hands it employs, and for its unsurpassable state of perfection. One of the most important brewing firms established in the province during the present century, and one that has gained a high reputation throughout the kingdom for the excellence and reliability of its productions, is that of Messrs. CASEY AND CO., LTD., the Drogheda Brewing Company. This now celebrated concern was founded in 1840 by Patrick Casey, Esq., uncle of the present managing director, P. Casey Connelly, Esq., J.P., ex-Mayor of Drogheda and a prominent leader in all local questions of importance. In October, 1889, the concern was converted into a limited liability company, and immediately afterwards the Mell Brewery was added to the other properties of the concern. From the period of the Brewery's inception its sole aim has been to produce stouts and porters the leading characteristics of which should be purity, strength, great nourishing and appetising qualities, and general excellence. That it has been eminently successful in this is seen from the fact that the productions have received the commendation of the highest medical authorities, and throughout the country, as well as in England and Scotland, has been developed a great trade, which is increasing in a most gratifying manner. The entire premises devoted to brewing and malting purposes cover a very wide extent of land, and they comprise brewery, maltings in various localities, wine and spirit warehouse, and wholesale tea emporium. The Brewery is excellently arranged and fully provided with all the latest improved machinery and appliances for the various operations carried on, which, it is needless to remark, are carried on under the most advanced conditions. The total plant of this Brewery is of great value and is acknowledged to be one of the largest and finest in this part of the kingdom; and the establishment in organisation, equipment, and supervision possesses

exceptional facilities for the production of stouts and porter of a superior quality. All the malt which is used in the maltings is made at the Company's own maltings from barley grown in the immediate locality. Messrs. CASEY AND CO., LTD., also trade extensively in wines, spirits, and tea, and the departments devoted to these goods are situate at the Company's Bonded Stores, Fair Street, Drogheda; and here the establishment is characterised by admirable arrangement, the premises being heavily stocked with wines from the choicest vintages, spirits of world-renowned distillations, and tea—the choicest productions of the China, India, and Ceylon gardens. Great attention is paid to these departments, and they are attended by the greatest success. In the various departments of this extensive establishment a staff numbering about two hundred hands is employed, and the supervision is all that could be desired. Messrs. CASEY AND CO., LTD.; brew their stouts, etc., on advanced principles from the choicest hops and malt, and it is not surprising to learn that the trade built up by the firm on these principles, and the well-recognised merits of their productions, are of great magnitude and of the highest class. The directorate takes the liveliest interest in the welfare of the hands, and between employers and employes the most cordial and friendly relations exist. The gentleman at the head of the organisation is, from wide experience, thoroughly conversant with every branch of the business. By his sterling qualities and genial and courteous bearing he has won the esteem and confidence of the entire industrial and commercial community, and the concern over which he so capably presides ranks among those great concerns that are universally acknowledged as the leading representatives of this famous national industry.

The Company have also branches, stores, and depôts in Dublin, Belfast, Limerick, Newry, Lurgan, Cavan, Dundalk, Kells, Oldcastle, Navan, Mullagh, Ardee, Naas, and other centres. The celebrated "White Horse Hotel," Drogheda, is also the property of the Company, and has lately been fitted out, at great expense, with all the most modern improvements.

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**JAMES DENNIS & CO., Wholesale Grocers and Wine Merchants,**  
**West Street, Drogheda.**

THIS business was established about fifty years ago, and now unquestionably ranks as the premier wholesale grocery, Italian goods, and wine and spirit emporium in the county. The premises comprise a handsome warehouse of great internal capacity and admirable, as well as attractive, arrangement. There are admirable arrangements also for the receipt and dispatch of goods,

a suite of well-appointed offices, and ground-floor warehouse extending fully 200ft. to the rear. There are the usual tea-mixing and blending rooms, as well as extensive warehouse accommodation in the basement and every convenience for the effective and economical working of the business. To meet the extensive requirements of the connection, the firm holds a very large and comprehensive stock of goods, which is replete with all the best

features of the various lines engaged in and fully representative of the grocery and wine trade in all its branches, embracing as it does a very extensive assortment of general groceries, tea, coffee, cocoa, fruits, spices, Italian goods, all the best known proprietary articles, preserved meats, etc., etc. The whole of this large stock is of excellent quality, selected with great care and sound judgment, and admirably arranged for ready reference and easy inspection. The warehouse throughout is fitted up in a very superior style and with elegant yet substantial counters, glass cases, and other fixtures of both utility and adornment. The stock of wines and spirits includes the choicest vintages of champagnes, including such world-renowned brands as George Mumm and Co., Pomeroy et Greno Extra Sec, Heidseick et Cie's "Dry Monopole," and many other

valuable productions of the same class. Every description of still and sparkling wine is held in stock, while the blends of spirits include the choicest distillations known to the trade. The business in every department receives the direct personal attention of the proprietor and is conducted throughout with marked ability, energy, and enterprise. The trade is of a steadily-growing and high-class character, extending to all parts of the East of Ireland. The proprietor of this highly successful enterprise occupies a prominent and influential position in the business circles of the province, and is well known and thoroughly respected not only as a successful merchant but also for the keen and active interest he takes in all matters connected with the progress and development of the commerce of this busy City and district.

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#### HUGH GALBRAITH, Baker, 34, Shop Street, Drogheda.

THERE is no more important department of industry than that devoted to supplying the principal necessary of life, of which it has been truthfully designated the "staff" bread; and in this connection we have pleasure in recommending the attention of our readers to the well-known establishment of Mr. HUGH GALBRAITH, Baker, 34, Shop Street, Drogheda, as a leading representative of this trade in the district. The business was established upwards of fifty years ago by the late Mr. Hugh Galbraith, who was succeeded by his son the present proprietor, Mr. George Galbraith, trading under the style so long associated with the firm. The premises comprise large shop of handsome proportions, well appointed throughout and possessing every convenience for an extensive trade of this character. Ad-

joining are the spacious bakehouses, fitted with the most improved modern machinery and appliances for producing in perfection the superior quality of plain and fancy household bread and all kinds of confectionery, etc., for which the establishment is noted. A special feature of the operative processes of the trade is the cleanliness which prevails in every detail of the working of this department, in which a numerous staff of bakers is employed. A widespread and influential connection has been formed by the proprietor which includes the principal families and resident gentry in the town and neighbourhood, who are waited upon daily by civil and attentive assistants, well-appointed vans being employed for the collection and delivery of orders in all parts of the district.

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#### JOSEPH DEAN, Wholesale and Family Grocer; Wine, Spirit, and Seed Merchant;

107 and 108, West Street, Drogheda.

THIS important undertaking was established forty years ago under the title of Daly and Dean, and was acquired by the present proprietor about five years ago, and is now carried on by the surviving partner, Mr. JOSEPH DEAN, Wholesale and Family Grocer, Wine, Spirit, and Seed Merchant, at the present address, 107 and 108, West Street, Drogheda, and has during that extended period enjoyed a career of uninterrupted success. The premises comprise commanding double-fronted shop of imposing proportions and attractive appearance, the interior of which is splendidly fitted throughout, and, extending a long distance to the rear, presents spacious facilities for the working of the several departments. These are fully stocked with high-class

goods in each branch, including the choicest teas, coffees, fruits, spices, and general groceries, carefully selected from the best markets for this trade; Italian warehouse goods in great variety; the finest brands of Irish-cured hams and bacon; farm seeds; artificial manures and other agricultural requirements; and wines and spirits of the leading vintages and brands. Mr. DEAN is also agent for Schweppe's Gold Medal Table Waters and Allsopp's East India Pale Ale. An extensive and well-established trade is done by the proprietor in each department of the business, the uniformly high-class quality of every article supplied having secured for Mr. DEAN a widespread and very valuable trade connection in Drogheda and throughout the counties of Louth and Meath.



**SIMON JORDAN, Egg, Poultry, and Provision Merchant,  
Westgate, Drogheda.**

IN connection with the general provision trade of Drogheda and district, a distinctly important factor of both value and interest is supplied by the successfully conducted business of Mr. SIMON JORDAN. This business was established over twenty years ago, and from its inception has made a commercial progress which is not only in the highest degree satisfactory, but indicates unmistakably its future possibilities of augmentation and enhancement. The attention of Mr. SIMON JORDAN, in his mercantile capacity, is mainly centred on the department of the export provisioning trade, which takes cognizance of eggs and poultry. A number of judicious buyers constantly hold intercourse with the agricultural community throughout the district, the consequence being that Mr. JORDAN, their employer, is enabled to make very extensive shipments both of eggs and poultry to all parts of Great Britain. The premises, at rear of Mr. JORDAN's handsome residence in West Gate, are

carefully appointed with a view to their meeting the full requirements of the trade. A considerable trade is also carried on in the importation of American hams and bacon, of which a large stock is held. The proprietor of this extensive business occupies at the present time the honourable position of Mayor of Drogheda for the third year in succession. It is hardly necessary to add that Mr. JORDAN stands high in the estimation of all with whom he is associated by reason not only of his commercial attainments but also by virtue of his genial courtesy and ever-present readiness to oblige his patrons and help forward their interests in trade by procuring his goods only in the best and most reliable markets—among farmers of superior class—and selling to English and Scotch buyers on an honourable basis of charges; and the extremely prosperous status—both mercantile and municipal—of this gentleman proves how thoroughly an impartial public can both discern and appreciate a man of solid and substantial parts.

**A. DAVIS & CO.,**

**Dress and Mantle Makers, Milliners, Merchant Tailors, Outfitters, Hatters, Ready-made Clothiers,  
House Furnishers, 6 and 7, West Street, Drogheda.**

COMMERCIAL enterprise in this thriving centre of activity is well represented by the fine establishment conducted by Messrs. A. DAVIS & Co., Outfitters, Hatters, Ready-made Clothiers and Merchant Tailors, &c., which firm combines one of the most prominent trading undertakings in Drogheda. The name of Davis has for over 100 years been connected with the trade of this City. The history of the firm takes us back to a period seventy years ago, when the business was established by the late Mrs. Davis under this title, the present representative of the family being Mr. Richard Burleigh Davis, who continues the trade under the style so long associated with the concern. The premises occupied by the firm are situated at 6 and 7, West Street, and comprise a lofty and handsome building with noble plate-glass frontage, which is devoted to the display of a varied assortment of goods suitable for ladies' and gentlemen's dress; also house furnishing, carpets, and a great variety of general outfitting and ready-made tailoring; and offers for inspection a splendid display of goods in the various departments. These include ready-made clothing of all descriptions for boys', youths', and men's wear; hats, scarfs, shirts, braces, hosiery, and umbrellas. The firm also combine house furnishing, and they show in their large plate-glass windows wicker and bamboo work in all kinds of useful and ornamental household requisites; as also

all the newest styles: gents' outfitting, Manchester goods, woollens, flannels, hosiery and gloves, umbrellas and walking sticks, travelling rugs and Gladstone bags, trunks and portmanteaus, and every description of outfitting for the traveller by sea or land. Special attention is directed by Messrs. DAVIS to their bespoke tailoring department, in which they show a splendid selection of the best qualities of West of England coatings, vestings, and trouserings; Irish and Scotch Tweed suitings, Friezes, etc.; overcoatings, livery and hunting cloths, sound and durable of texture, and extensive in variety. A first-class cutter is employed for this important branch of the trade, ensuring the most unqualified satisfaction in fit, style, and make of every garment supplied by the firm. Between forty and fifty hands are employed in the business, and some eighty to a hundred workers, under the personal supervision of the principal, whose thoroughly practical knowledge of every branch of the trade is an ample guarantee for the highest efficiency in the management of this deservedly successful undertaking. They are noted for the superiority of the cut and finish of their ladies' dresses, which is carried on under the scientific cutting now so popular, and their mantle and millinery departments also merit the public confidence which their extensive business proves they have secured.

## BERNARD DALY &amp; SON,

Carriage Builders, 41, West Street; and Linenhall Street, Drogheda.

AN important branch of productive industry is represented in Drogheda by the old-established firm of Messrs. BERNARD DALY AND SON, Carriage Builders, whose extensive showroom and works fully merit the attention of our readers. The business was founded forty years ago by Mr. Bernard Daly, who was subsequently joined in the proprietary by his son Mr. Gerald Daly, now the sole representative of the firm, trading under the style so long identified with the undertaking. The premises occupied by the firm cover a large extent of ground and comprise spacious showrooms and offices at 41, West Street, with commodious and conveniently arranged works in the rear extending back to Linenhall Street. There has lately been added a powerful gas engine and sawing, turning, and drilling machines for carrying out the requirements of the trade. In the

showrooms may be inspected examples of the coach builder's skill in elegantly designed vehicles of every description manufactured by the firm, only the best qualities of well-seasoned materials being used in their construction, for which the services of a numerous staff of highly skilled and efficient workmen are employed. Messrs. DALY also undertake the manufacture and repairing of all kinds of agricultural implements—ploughs, harrows, etc.—which are worthy of special mention for their strength, finish, and durability. An extensive trade is done by the firm in each department of the business, their connection including the leading gentry in this part of the country and the principal agriculturalists in the surrounding districts, whose support and confidence have been secured by the exceptionally high standard of quality maintained in the productions of this establishment for so many years past.

## H. HARBINSON,

Furnishing Ironmonger, 33 and 34, West Street, Drogheda.

THE firm named at the head of this brief industrial sketch may almost certainly claim to rank at the head of the house-furnishing and hardware trades of the East of Ireland. Indeed no house outside the Hibernian metropolis, so far as we are aware, can for a moment compare with Mr. HARBINSON'S Drogheda establishment either in the magnitude of its connections or the voluminous and comprehensive character of its trading operations. Founded by its present proprietor some forty years ago, the business has ever manifested a progressive tendency to development, and so has now secured an enviable and premier position in the public estimation and favour. At 33 and 34, West Street, Mr. HARBINSON occupies very extensive premises, which comprise two adjoining shops possessing a spacious and attractive façade and a rearward extension of some two hundred feet. On the ground floors are the splendid lofty shops, admirably appointed and well arranged for the display and storage of the stock. To meet the extensive requirements of patrons, Mr. HARBINSON holds a very large and representative stock of general furnishing ironmongery; suitable goods both for domestic purposes and tradesmen's use; all kinds of hardware; table and pocket cutlery; a choice selection of electroplated goods of the best Sheffield and Birmingham manufacture; lamps in great variety; tools; garden and agricultural implements and machinery of every description; ranges; kitcheners; grates; stoves; washing; wringing; and domestic labour-saving machines of all kinds. In the splendidly-appointed show saloons of the establishment are also displayed floor carpets, linoleums, furniture, beds and bedding (the latter a speciality made on the

premises), earthenware, decorative materials (including oils, paints, colours, and varnishes), horse clothing, harness, saddles, bridles, whips, fishing tackle, guns, rifles, and ammunition; also cricketing and tennis appliances and all the outfitting requisites for the leading athletic games of the day. In the building material department Mr. HARBINSON holds large stocks of marble and other chimneypieces, encaustic tiles for hearths, etc., eave gutters and pipes, wire and wire-netting, roofing felt, London Portland cement imported direct, plaster of Paris, axles, springs, coachbuilders' appliances, etc. Indeed, one of the features upon which the firm very justly prides itself, quite apart from the quality of the goods, is the large and varied stock always on hand, and it must be borne in mind that the whole of this extensive stock has been selected from the best sources with great care and sound judgment and by the exercise of that keen and prudent buying; and, purchasing in such large lines direct from the manufacturers, Mr. HARBINSON is in a position to give exceptional advantages to his customers both as regards quality and price. Plumbing, gasfitting, and sanitary engineering are also engaged in, a selected staff of workmen being engaged in these departments. The trade of the house, which is both wholesale and retail, is of a wide-spread, influential, and steadily-growing character, a very brisk business being done in every department. Mr. HARBINSON, the esteemed principal, is a gentleman widely known as a courteous and enterprising man of unswerving commercial integrity and consummate skill in every department of the important branches of trade with which he has been so long and so honourably associated.



**KEELAN BROTHERS, Silk Mercers and Costumiers,****4 and 5, West Street, Drogheda.**

FOR upwards of half a century past the business now conducted by MESSRS. KEELAN BROTHERS, Silk Mercers, Costumiers, etc., has been justly considered one of the leading houses in this branch of commercial enterprise in the thriving town of Drogheda. This important establishment was originally founded by the firm of Messrs. Robert Daly and Son, from whom it was acquired about twelve months ago by the present proprietors, who had previously been engaged in a similar business for a number of years in the same street. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated at 4 and 5, West Street, comprising two handsome and attractive shops, of commodious proportions, with a frontage of sixty feet, and extending a considerable distance to the rear. One side of the establishment is devoted to the tailoring department, in which may be inspected a comprehensive assortment of high-class materials in all the new season's patterns, and in connection with this portion of the business are provided cutting and fitting-on rooms, etc. In the mercery

department is shown a wide and varied selection of silk and other dress materials, millinery, family mourning, hosiery, gloves, flowers, feathers, trimmings, jerseys, laces, frillings, mantles, jackets, waterproofs, sunshades, umbrellas, flannels, calicoes, velvets, plushes, wools, silks, fancy needlework, and a large assortment of general drapery, Manchester goods, etc. In the rear are spacious workrooms for the convenience of the numerous staff of hands engaged in the dress, mantle, and costume making, and bespoke tailoring departments, the latter department being of the highest class. A very successful and steadily sustained trade is done by the firm in each branch of their business, from one hundred and fifty to two hundred hands being employed in the establishment under the careful personal supervision of the managing partner, Mr. Michael Keelan, whose unremitting attention to every detail of the administration of the undertaking has largely contributed to the continued prosperity enjoyed by this fine old business house.

**ALBERT & CO., Watchmakers and Jewellers, Stationers and Booksellers, and Tobacconists,****106 and 116, West Street, Drogheda.**

FOR upwards of half a century past the business now conducted under the style of MESSRS. ALBERT AND CO., Watchmakers and Jewellers, Stationers and Booksellers, etc., has been justly considered one of the leading houses in this department of commercial activity in the City of Drogheda. Originally founded by Mr. Thomas North, and afterwards carried on by Messrs. Hamilton and Co., the undertaking was transferred to the present proprietors, Messrs. R. Albert and Paul and Joseph Rombach (trading as MESSRS. ALBERT AND CO.) in 1875. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated at 106, West Street, and consist of a large double shop, one side of which forms an elegantly appointed Jeweller's and Watchmaker's establishment and the other the Bookselling and Stationery departments. Each

branch of the trade is well represented in a large and comprehensive display of high-class watches and clocks, new and fashionable jewellery, spectacles, eyeglasses, field glasses, telescopes, and a great variety of useful and ornamental articles suitable for presents, etc.; and books, stationery, and fancy goods. Their tobacconist business is carried on at 116, West Street, the shop being compact, well fitted, and fully stocked with cigars, cigarettes, and tobaccos of all the leading brands. Briar and meerschaum pipes, cigar and cigarette cases and holders, with all the other requisites for smokers, are shown in variety. A first-class trade is done by the firm, whose establishment, from its comprehensive character, is widely patronised by all classes of the general public in the City and the suburban districts.

**LUKE J. HEALY,****Chemist and Druggist, Mineral Water Manufacturer, &c., 82, West Street, Drogheda.**

AMONGST the most attractive establishments in West Street, prominent recognition must be accorded to the handsome drug hall and veterinary pharmacy conducted by Mr. LUKE J. HEALY, Chemist and Druggist, Mineral Water Manufacturer, etc., to which we invite the attention of our readers. The history of the business dates back twenty years ago, when it was

established by Mr. HEALY as a drug store only, this gentleman subsequently adding to his operations the manufacture of mineral waters, this new departure taking place about 1872. The premises are centrally situated at 82, West Street, and comprise large double-fronted shop, with spacious and handsomely-appointed interior, fitted throughout with every modern requirement for a business of this character. The varied and comprehen-

sive stock includes every description of fresh drugs and chemicals of the purest quality; patent and family medicines; veterinary preparations; elegant toilet requisites in every variety; oils, paints, colours, and varnishes; surgical and medical appliances; artists' materials, embracing tubes in oil and water colours, dry and moist; brushes, canvases, etc.; and all kinds of photographic apparatus and materials for professionals and amateurs. A side gateway entrance admits the visitor to the mineral water manufactory, which is fully equipped with improved plant and machinery for the production of the highest qualities of aerated beverages, which are in well-sustained demand in the town and surrounding districts. A first-class trade is done in each department of the business, special care and attention being directed by Mr. HEALY to family recipes, veterinary formulæ, etc., only the purest quality of drugs and chemicals being used for this purpose and the most absolute accuracy guaranteed in the preparation of all medicines, etc., supplied from the

establishment. Every drug is carefully examined and tested before taking into stock, and anything not found up to the standard of excellence is immediately rejected. Mr. HEALY has always endeavoured to deserve the character of having the best goods of every class and selling at the smallest remunerative profits. A very large business is done in machine oils, cattle oils, linseed, etc.; Cod Liver Oil is a speciality. Mr. HEALY is very careful in the purchase of this article, which he imports direct, and he has deservedly a high character for it. Sheep wash; foot-rot liquid for sheep and cows' feet; drying liniment for cows' udders; liniment for sore udders; cough powders; and worm and physic balls for horses are largely manufactured from well-tried veterinary formulæ. A large trade is done in the above with the stock breeders both in the neighbouring counties and southern and western districts. A considerable amount of business in this line is had from some of the large sheep farmers in Scotland.



THE BOYNE.



DUNDALK.

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# DUNDALK.

DUNDALK, one of the most progressive and rising seaports in Ireland, is a place of considerable antiquity, having enjoyed a position of importance since the Norman invasion. Here Edward Bruce was declared King of Ireland in 1395, an empty title terminated by his defeat and death a year after. For a time the town may have been said to mark the limits of the influence of the barons of the Pale, but, with the subjugation of the North, the attention of its enterprising inhabitants turned to the promotion of the peaceful interests of commerce and industry.

At present Dundalk is the Assize town for Co. Louth and a large Cavalry depôt, enjoying the enviable reputation of being the healthiest military centre in the United Kingdom. Few provincial towns can boast of public buildings of such superior architectural design, while the business and residential quarters possess every admirable and desirable feature. Among the chief buildings are the County Infirmary, the Jail, and the Exchange Buildings, while the capacious Town Hall is at once architecturally striking and splendidly adapted for business purposes and public meetings. Among the churches, St. Patrick's Cathedral, modelled on the lines of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, is equal to any modern ecclesiastical structure in Ireland, and stands a monument of correct artistic feeling and exquisite taste. The Episcopalians may boast, too, of the fine church of St. Nicholas, the Dominicans of their handsome chapel, the Redemptorists of a new church worthy of their Order, and various other religious bodies of ornate and highly creditable meeting-places. Charitable, philanthropic,

and educational bodies are also excellently housed. Striking as are the architectural features of Dundalk, its busy trade is still more so, and the visitor soon perceives that he has lighted upon one of the chief marts of Ireland. The quays are crowded with steam and sailing craft, while railways branch out in all directions. One of these, the Dundalk, Newry, and Greenore Railway, belonging to the London and North-Western Railway Company, was built to afford communication with England by way of Greenore,

direct daily steamers affording a splendid goods and passenger service. The Great Northern Railway Company, Ireland, which connects all the North of Ireland with Dublin and the South passes by Dundalk, and has notably contributed to its prosperity by the centralization of its locomotive works here on the Aodee Road, forming quite a little town, with numerous educational and recreative facilities for their army of employés. The Company have lately built a new station at Dundalk commensurate in every way with the heavy and growing traffic now centred in the town.

The manufacturing element plays a large part in the notable modern prosperity of Dundalk, and many new industries have sprung up of late years to augment

the volume of production. Among the older industrial establishments are those connected with the tobacco, jute, and tweed trade; the famous Dundalk Distillery, ranking among the very largest in Ireland; the Brewery; and several malt stores. Among others, the mineral water factories, saw mills, and warerooms are the most important, not omitting to mention the strong Company



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SEATOWN CASTLE.



carrying on shipbuilding operations at Soldier's Point. The houses dealing with general supply and distribution play also an important part, while dealers and exporters have long had their business headquarters in the town. Altogether, Dundalk is very notably go-ahead and energetic, and makes the most of its advantages.

in 1891, near the close of the year, an influentially signed circular was sent out, the large and representative meeting which assembled in response, under the chairmanship of Mr. Patteson, had no difficulty in coming to an unanimous resolution to at once establish a Chamber of Commerce. This was done, and the commercial



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#### ST. PATRICK'S.

Up to a late period, however, the commercial and industrial interests of the town were without any distinctive organisation, which was generally felt to be a great disadvantage, considering the powerful business chambers of Belfast and Dublin. Consequently, when

community can now make its power felt whenever necessary. No town of equal size in Ireland has a fairer future before it, and we make no doubt that this busy seaport will year by year be crowned with laurels of an ever-increasing prosperity.

#### MICHAEL WALSH,

**Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant, Grocer, and Mineral Water Manufacturer, Dundalk.**

AN important department of commercial enterprise is represented in Dundalk by Mr. MICHAEL WALSH, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant, Grocer, and Mineral Water Manufacturer, whose extensive establishment at 25, Church Street, supplies the subject of this briefly descriptive sketch. The business was founded in 1877 by the present proprietor, who then confined his operations to the grocery and wine and spirit trade, subsequently extending the concern by adding the manufacture of mineral and aerated waters. The premises in Church Street are of extensive proportions, comprising large and well-appointed shop conveniently arranged for the working of the several departments of the business. The stock includes every description of family groceries, teas, wines and spirits of exceptional quality and value; home-cured bacon and hams, and native and American provisions of the finest

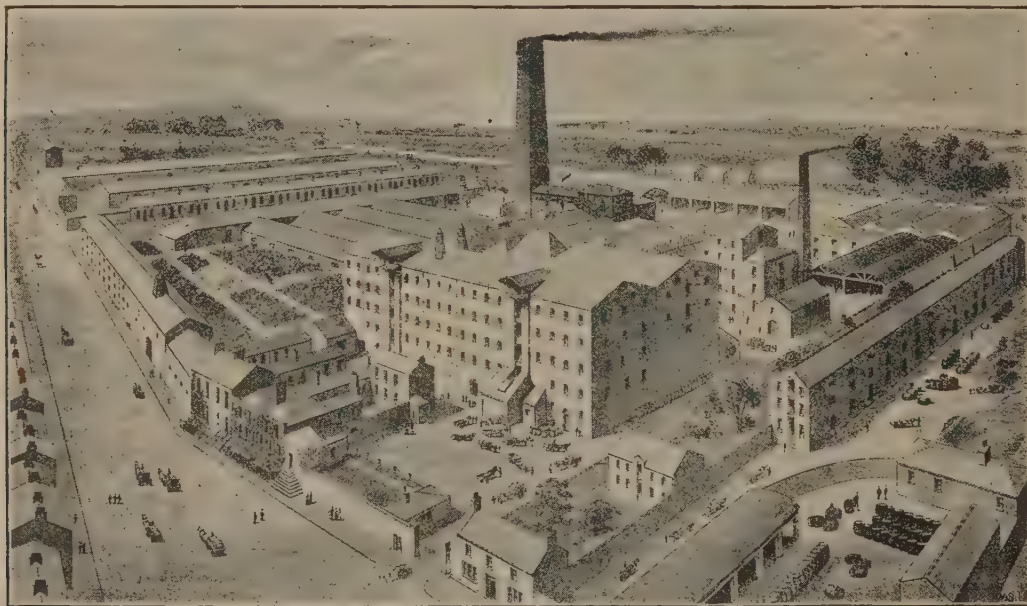
brands; flour, meal, bran, and pollard; dried fish; and a wide selection of household requisites, etc., in great variety. In the rear are the well arranged mineral water and bottling departments, replete with new and improved plant and machinery capable of producing large quantities of beverages of this description of the purest and best quality. Mr. WALSH also bottles for the wholesale trade Guinness's XX Porter and Bass's and other Ales, which are supplied in fine condition to the numerous customers of the firm. A well-sustained demand exists for the various goods for which the house is noted, a daily delivery by vans being arranged by Mr. WALSH to his widespread and influential family connection, extending throughout the counties of Louth, Armagh, and Monaghan; and a large wholesale trade is also established by this gentleman in mineral waters and bottled stout and ales in these districts.

## MALCOLM BROWN &amp; CO.,

Patent and Old Still Distillers, the Dundalk Distillery.

ONE of the oldest houses engaged in this branch of staple produce in Ireland is that of Messrs. MALCOLM BROWN AND Co., Patent and Old Still Distillers, Dundalk. This old-established business was originally founded in the eighteenth century, a Mr. Gilligham being the first to use the site for distilling purposes, before which the ground was occupied, at different periods, as a tan yard and bleach ground. In 1800 the undertaking was acquired by Messrs. MALCOLM BROWN AND Co., and has remained in the possession of the representatives of the family down to this time; the present proprietors being Malcolm Brown Murray, Esq., and Henry Balfour Murray. The Distillery occupies an immense area of

spirits per annum. Two of the largest houses are used for malting and storing grain, which is mainly purchased from local growers, and these have a capacity for dealing with 15,000 barrels per annum. The plant and machinery in use throughout the Distillery is of the most improved modern construction, steam power being universal in the works, and a force of about 300 hands is employed in the various operative departments. The productions of the house include the finest qualities of both patent still and malt whisky, which are matured in the warehouses until in condition to place in the market, when they are consigned to the principal holders in Dublin, Belfast, London, and Liverpool. The water



ground, upwards of twenty acres in extent, situated between Roden Place and Jocelyn Street on the north, and bounded on the south by the Great Northern Railway. The principal entrances are in Roden Place, from which point of view can be obtained the best idea of the magnitude of the concern, of which the accompanying sketch will also afford our readers a comprehensive outline. Facing the road are the houses of the manager, distiller, and book-keeper, and behind these are the Distillery proper, and eleven duty-free warehouses having a storage capacity for 8,000 puncheons and 10,000 hogsheads. The total output of the Distillery amounts to the enormous aggregate of from 80,000 to 110,000 barrels, producing 800,000 to 1,000,000 gallons of

supply is derived from a succession of springs rising at Cortial, about five miles from Dundalk, which are celebrated for their purity and adaptability for distilling purposes. The business is conducted throughout with the highest administrative ability, each department being regulated with systematic organization and method, the whole arrangements displaying the perfection of discipline and order so essentially necessary in the management of an undertaking of this importance and magnitude. In connection with the establishment Messrs. MALCOLM BROWN AND Co. have organised a very efficient and well-drilled fire brigade numbering twenty-six picked men, and have pump-connected wells for use in case of emergency.



**NICHOLAS CAROLAN & CO., Wine and Spirit Merchants, Mineral Water Manufacturers,  
Wholesale and Family Grocers, 13 and 14, Earl Street, Dundalk.**

AMONGST the more notable examples of successful commercial enterprise in this part of the country may be distinctively indicated the eminent house of MESSRS. NICHOLAS CAROLAN AND CO., Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants, Mineral Water Manufacturers, Wholesale and Family Grocers, the importance and extent of whose business operations, and the wide range covered by their several departments, fully entitle the firm to the premier position they have so long enjoyed in the trade. The history of the business dates back to 1853, when it was purchased by the late Nicholas Carolan, Esq., the founder of the present firm. With characteristic energy this gentleman rapidly developed the resources of the business, and by extending the scope of its operations soon placed the establishment in the front rank of its contemporaries in Ireland. In 1880 the control of the business reverted to Mr. Paul Vincent Carolan, son of the founder, who is now the sole proprietor, continuing, however, to trade under the original title of the firm. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated at 13 and 14, Earl Street, and comprise handsome and imposing building presenting a frontage of 84 feet and extending in the rear to the Roden demesne, a distance of 306 feet. The establishment includes finely-appointed Italian warehouse and offices and extensive wine and spirit stores, containing spacious accommodation for the immense stocks held in each department. The space at our disposal precludes the possibility of enumerating in detail the widely-comprehensive list of goods supplied by the firm, and we must perforce be content to indicate the heads of the various departments. In the grocery branch special mention must be made of the high-class teas supplied by the firm, which include the choicest growths of India, China, and Ceylon, selected and blended with critical taste in order to produce a combination of unrivalled excellence of purity and flavour. These teas have attained a wide reputation, orders being daily received for delivery by parcel post in all parts of Ireland. The other goods in this department are also of exceptional quality, embracing purest coffees, general groceries, Italian warehouse goods, and every description of household requisites in this branch of the trade, all of which have been specially selected to meet the requirements of a superior-class business of this character. The wine, spirit, and foreign liqueur department will be found on inspection fully up to the standard of excep-

tionally high-class quality which forms the distinguishing characteristic of the trade; every item of the catalogue issued by the firm confirming the taste and judgment which direct their selection, and which afford an ample guarantee for the superior excellence of every article supplied from the establishment. Spacious cellars in the basement provides ample convenience for the storage of the immense stocks of the choicest vintages of Spanish, French, and other Continental wines, which are stored in cask and bottle, and which have been specially imported direct from the wine-producing centres for this trade. A notable feature of this department is the scene of busy industrial activity presented by these cellars during working hours, a staff of cellarmen, bottlers, etc., being engaged in the various operations necessary to keep pace with the demands of MESSRS. CAROLAN'S extensive trade in this branch of the business. This has now assumed very important proportions, the *clientèle* of the firm extending to all parts of the United Kingdom, including an agency in London for the convenience of the metropolitan customers of the house. Within the past year MESSRS. CAROLAN have made an important addition to their already extensive business operations by entering upon the manufacture of mineral waters, securing for this purpose convenient premises adjoining. The works have been equipped with plant and machinery of the most improved modern type for producing in perfection high-class aerated waters of every description. This department of the business has already made gigantic strides in public favour, the output increasing at an enormous rate and giving every favourable indication of still further augmentation in the near future. The bonded warehouses of the firm are situated in Exchange Buildings, and here MESSRS. CAROLAN hold immense stocks amounting to hundreds of casks of whiskey from the leading distilleries in Ireland and Scotland, old French brandies, and other spirits, which are retained in bond until thoroughly well matured and in condition for consumption. A large staff is employed in the several departments of the business, and well-horsed vans are daily engaged in the delivery of goods to the wholesale and retail customers of the firm in the district, the entire management of the establishment being undertaken with marked success by the proprietor, to whose energy and enterprise must be attributed the continued development and extension of this old-established business house.

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**W. M. PATTESON & CO.,**

**Manufacturers of every description of Irish Linen Aprons, Pinafores, Blouses, etc., Dundalk.**

A NEW and profitable field of staple industry has, within the past few years, been opened up in Dundalk through the energetic enterprise of MESSRS. W. M. PATTESON AND CO., who have introduced into this district the manufacture of every description of Irish linen aprons, pinafores, blouses, etc.; and, if the

maximum of success be expressed by satisfactory results, the experiment has so far achieved a remarkable triumph both from a commercial and industrial point of view. The idea was originally suggested to MESSRS. W. M. PATTESON (proprietors of the great outfitting, house-furnishing, etc., establishment noticed in another column) by the scarcity of remunerative employment for

girls, and in 1885 premises were secured by the firm and active operations commenced. The undertaking rapidly developed, and in a very short period from the start its success was assured, and it became necessary to secure additional accommodation for the expansion of the trade. A site at the rear of 33, Clanbrassil Street, was selected, and orders given by the firm to Messrs. S. Parks & Son, Builders, Dundalk, for the erection of a commodious factory suitable to the requirements of the business. First-class plant and machinery were laid down to facilitate the operations of the business, and employment was provided for a large number of hands. The productions of the house include every description of linen and printed cambric aprons, pinafores, blouses, etc., made mostly of Irish material in a great variety of designs and first-class workmanship.

These goods have made rapid progress in popular favour, and are supplied in wholesale quantities to the leading buyers in the country, and are also shipped in ever-increasing volume to London, Manchester, Glasgow, and the agents of the firm in the United States and the Colonies. Messrs. PATTESON have since added to this department of their trade an extensive knitting factory for the production of the finest qualities of hand-made hosiery, etc., in which the services of a numerous staff of girls are employed. Altogether Messrs. PATTESON employ in the various branches of the business—including merchant tailoring; army, navy, and clerical outfitting; dressmaking, millinery, house furnishing, furniture removing, cabinet making, upholstery, French polishing, etc.—about 120 female and 70 male assistants.

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### H. BACKHOUSE & CO.,

General Grocers, Wine Merchants, Chemists, and Druggists, 24 and 25, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.

WITHIN a very brief period, the house which we select for special distinction in these reviews of the commercial progress of Dundalk will have attained its jubilee, and the firm of Messrs. H. BACKHOUSE AND CO. will have completed the first half-century of its useful existence, during which time it has occupied a leading position in the trades represented by its proprietors. The business was originally established in 1845 by the late Mr. Henry Backhouse, and has since the founder's death been successfully continued by his son, Mr. Henry C. Backhouse, under the style so long and honourably associated with the house. The premises situated at 24 and 25, Clanbrassil Street, are acknowledged as the handsomest pile of building for commercial purposes in Dundalk, comprising large warehouse with extensive and attractive frontage of effective design. The interior of the establishment is of ample proportions, extending a considerable distance to the rear, and is fitted throughout in appro-

priate harmony with the high-class character of the trade. A large gateway entrance adjoining gives admission to the extensive wine and spirit stores and cellars, which are the largest in the provinces. About four years ago the firm commenced the manufacture of high-class mineral waters, for which new and improved plant was laid down in order to facilitate the production of their celebrated brand of "Bee" lemonade, soda water, and other ærated beverages. The bonded stores of the firm are situated in Market Street, affording ample accommodation for their large stocks of wines and spirits, of which they are one of the largest bonders in Ireland, and Messrs. BACKHOUSE have also additional warehouses in the vicinity of the establishment. A very extensive and influential *clientèle* has been established by the firm, whose telegraphic address is "Backhouse," Dundalk, and any orders forwarded through this medium or by telephone No. 15, receive their most prompt and careful consideration.

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### E. MANISTY, Engineer; Iron, Steel, and Brass Founder; Dundalk Iron Works, Dundalk.

ONE of the most important and extensive industrial undertakings in this part of the country is the Dundalk Iron Works, conducted with successful enterprise by Mr. EDWARD MANISTY, C.E., Iron, Steel, and Brass Founder, of which a brief outline will be found of interest to our readers. In 1878, Mr. MANISTY, C.E., while engaged in constructing the line from Newry to Greenore, promptly recognised the advantages offered by the site for the purpose to which it is now applied, and purchased the concern from Mr. Pemberton. The works are of considerable extent, occupying about an acre of ground, on which are erected the workshops, foundries, and other buildings necessary for a business of this character. Employment is found for about 100 men. The entrance to the works is from the Market Square, from whence they extend to the boundary of Roden Demesne. The works were originally occupied chiefly with the manufacture of agricultural machinery, and, while still doing a large amount of this description

of work, the operations of the firm have been extended in many directions, notably in connection with railway construction, in which their name is associated with work of this character from Cork in the south to as far north as County Down, while in the west they have executed several important contracts for the erection of bridges, roofs, &c. At the present time the firm has in hand large contracts for (among others) the Great Southern and Western Railway Company for three foot bridges in County Cork, and one in Tipperary, and has recently supplied from these works a considerable portion of the extensive plant in use at the famous distillery of Messrs. M. Brown & Co., including the splendid engines, one of which indicates over 100 horse power, and which were entirely built at this establishment. All the principal business concerns in the district have been supplied with machinery from these works, amongst which are included the great railway companies of Ireland and the leading distilleries and manufacturing firms in the South



of Ireland. The rapid increase in the material prosperity and industrial progress of Dundalk has been accompanied with a corresponding extension and development of these works, and we are gratified to hear that still more space and increased plant are required to cope with the remarkable expansion of the business. Amongst

the more important local undertakings with which Mr. MANISTY has been connected may be mentioned the Dundalk Patent Slip—which owes its inception and creation to the joint efforts of Mr. J. Connick and this gentleman—and the Brick Works on the Demesne, which were established by Mr. MANISTY in 1885.

### B. PATTESON & CO.,

Army and Navy Tailors, Family Dressmakers and Milliners, Drapers, Cabinet Makers,  
Complete House Furnishers, and General Warehousemen, Dundalk.

IN briefly outlining for the purposes of this work the progress (commercial and industrial) of this thriving district, the chief features of successful business enterprise in Dundalk, it would be obviously impossible to ignore the prominent claims to recognition of the leading house of Messrs. B. PATTESON AND CO., Merchant Tailors;



Army, Navy, and Clerical Outfitters; House Furnishers, Family Drapers, and General Warehousemen, whose important operations in each department of trade represented in their comprehensive title afford some indication of the magnitude of their undertaking. The history of the business dates back to 1834, when it was founded by Messrs. Russell and Matthew Patteson and Co., and was then solely confined to drapery, haberdashery, and woollen goods. In 1846 Mr. Matthew Patteson retired, and was succeeded by Mr. Benjamin Patteson, who in 1853 joined his brother Russell, the firm then trading under the title of Messrs. R. and B. Patteson. Mr. R. Patteson retired in 1864, the firm then changing the title to Messrs. B. PATTESON AND CO. The latter gentleman, dying in 1865, was succeeded by his eldest son, who was subsequently joined by his brother, the present sole proprietor. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated in Clanbrassill Street, and form the most extensive establishment in connection with the general drapery trade in the provinces. The building presents a commanding frontage to the street of sixty feet, and, with its finely-appointed interior, extending one hundred feet to the rear, presents ample accommodation for the effective display of the goods submitted for inspection in the several departments. These include the higher branches of army, navy, and clerical outfittings; liveries; gentlemen's and youths' tailoring in all the newest and most fashionable styles; Christy's felt and Lincoln and Bennet's celebrated hats and caps; portmanteaus, hand-

bags, and umbrellas; ladies', gentlemen's, and children's hand-knitted and other hosiery; Irish linens, diapers, sheetings, towels, and holland; cambrics, muslins, and fashionable dress fabrics; ladies' and children's dresses and costumes; and the latest novelties in undershirts, shawls, wraps, velveteens, silks, poplins, merinos, and cashmeres. In the millinery and mantle warerooms are large and well-selected stocks, embracing all the new season's novelties, made up on the premises by a numerous staff of thoroughly experienced hands. In the showrooms devoted to the house-furnishing departments will be found a magnificent display of drawing-room, dining-room, hall, library, and bedroom suites in elegant and artistic designs; carpets, floor cloths, window blinds, curtains, room papers, and every description of art decorations; fenders, fire irons, etc.; and a great variety of furnishing requisites, the resources of the firm in these departments enabling them to supply on the shortest notice the equipment for dwellings of any magnitude from the labourer's cottage to the nobleman's mansion, either by direct purchase or on the hiring system. In connection with the establishment are extensive cabinet works, in which a number of first-class cabinet makers, upholsterers, French polishers, etc., are employed in the several branches of the trade, and in addition Messrs. PATTESON undertake the packing and removal of furniture, the complete furnishing of funerals on the shortest notice, repairs in town and country, etc. The business in each department is conducted with marked energy and enterprise under the personal super-



vision of the principal, whose determination to sustain a high standard of uniform quality throughout the establishment has, it is gratifying to record, been rewarded with the most conspicuous success, and has gained for this widely patronised house a well-secured reputation for superior excellence in every article supplied by the firm.

**A. O. FERGUSON, Plumber, Dundalk.**

THERE are few of our leading branches of industry of more importance from a commercial point of view than that represented by Mr. A. O. FERGUSON, proprietor of the Dundalk plumbing works in this town. The business was established in 1886 by the present proprietor, who has, during this comparatively brief period, secured by his well-directed energy and enterprise a conspicuously successful position in the trading community. The premises occupied by Mr. FERGUSON are situated in Crowe Street, and comprise commodious shop conveniently arranged as showroom, in which is submitted for inspection a wide selection of water-closets, baths, and every description of sanitary

appliances, hot and cold water fittings, gas engineers' requisites, and all kinds of plumbers' materials. A very extensive trade is done by Mr. FERGUSON in each department of his business, of which a special feature is made of work in connection with electric bells, telephones, and hot water heating, most of the leading firms retaining Mr. FERGUSON's services for re-fitting and repairing. A staff of first-class workmen is employed in the business under the personal supervision of the principal, whose thoroughly practical experience in every branch of the trade supplies an ample guarantee for the highest standard of finished workmanship in every order or contract entrusted to his skilful hands for completion.

**R. LAWLESS, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 5, Earl Street, Dundalk.**

THE leading house in this important trade in the town of Dundalk is the attractive establishment conducted under the style of Mr. R. LAWLESS, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 5, Earl Street, to which we have pleasure in directing the attention of our readers. The business was originally established forty years ago by Mr. R. LAWLESS, who was subsequently succeeded in the control by his nephew, Mr. John Lawless, the present sole proprietor, who however continues the trade under the title so long associated with the house. The premises in Earl Street comprise very commodious double-fronted shop of handsome proportions, beautifully fitted throughout with appointments in *recherche* taste, providing effective facilities for displaying the large and attractive selection of goods submitted for inspection in the several departments of the establish-

ment. The leading features of the stock include a wide range of costly and artistically designed dining and drawing room clocks in elegant cases, gold and silver watches, silver and electroplated goods for the table, etc., valuable gold and gem jewellery in new and fashionable designs, and a great variety of useful and ornamental articles suitable for prizes, presents, etc. Special attention is directed by the proprietor to the execution of all kinds of repairing work in watches, clocks, jewellery, etc., for which the services of competent and trustworthy hands only are employed. An extensive and valuable *clientèle* has been established by the proprietor and his predecessor, which embraces the principal nobility and gentry throughout the counties adjacent, and the liberal and well-sustained support of the leading citizens in this flourishing seaport town.

**HENRY O'CONNELL, Wine Merchant, 70, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.**

AMONGST the leading houses in the wine and spirit trade in Dundalk may be indicated the old-established business conducted under the style of HENRY O'CONNELL, Wine Merchant, as fully meriting distinct recognition in these reviews of the commercial progress of the district. The business was originally founded in 1850 by Messrs. Nicholas Martin and Co., from whom the concern was subsequently acquired about fifteen years ago by the present sole proprietor, Mr. HENRY O'CONNELL, trading in the style indicated at the head of this notice. The premises, situated at 70, Clanbrassil Street, are of handsome and commodious proportions, and form one of the most attractive architectural features of this leading thoroughfare. The building possesses a commanding frontage, and is conveniently arranged for the operations of a business of this important character, comprising extensive wholesale and retail wine and spirit departments, ale and porter bottling stores, and cellarage extending a considerable distance to the rear. The stock held by the firm includes the choicest

vintages of old ports, sherries, clarets, and other wines, specially imported from the leading producing districts to meet the requirements of a high-class trade of this description. The spirits are of the finest selected quality of well-matured brandies, old Irish whiskies of all the best-known brands, and the ale and porter bottled by the firm are of equal excellence of quality. An extensive and influential family connection has been established by the proprietor which embraces principally the middle-class retail shops in the neighbourhood and within a radius of 30 miles. Mr. O'CONNELL is also proprietor of a large and successfully conducted business in Earl Street as wholesale grocer (tea and provisions of all kinds being supplied from this establishment to the trade generally in and around the surrounding country), Italian warehouseman, wine, spirit, and ale merchant, which enjoys a wide measure of popular favour for the uniform standard of quality in every article supplied from the establishment, which has, it may be mentioned, been under this gentleman's able control for the past twenty years.



CORK.

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# HISTORICAL CORK.

A swift run of four hours from Kingsbridge Station brings us to the Queen City of the South, "sweet Cork," and within the circle of the enchanted ground of Killarney and the Black-water. On the way, at Clondalkin, may be seen the first of those striking remnants of a forgotten age, the Round Towers of Ireland, which ancient native legend avers to have been 'the growth of one night.' Dispensing with the legendary, we are still uncertain how and when these towers arose. Were they Pagan, or were they Christian? Were they

fire temples of the Druids? Their primitive Irish name, a word signifying "fire tower," supports the

supposition. If this be their true origin, then we must imagine the arrival of the time when the Druid fires were extinguished and the lights of the Christian altar were set in their place, when these towers were occupied by the priest, the monk, the altar, the oratory. But what if Dr. Petrie has disproved this fine old theory? Then we must suppose the Round Tower to have served at once as belfry, keep for holy vessels, watch-



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ST. FINBAR'S CATHEDRAL, CORK.



tower, and retreat in time of war. "It was high enough," says Cæsar Otway, regarding the Tower of Clonmacnois, "to take cognizance of the coming enemy, let him come from what point he might: it commanded the ancient causeway that was laid down at considerable expense across the great bog on the Connaught side of the Shannon; it looked up and down the river and commanded the tortuous and sweeping reaches of the stream, as it unfolded itself like an uncoiling serpent along the surrounding bogs and marshes; it could hold communication with the holy places of Clonfert, and from the top of its pillared height send its beacon light towards the sacred isles and anchorite retreats of Lough Ree; it was large and roomy enough to contain all the officiating priests of Clonmacnois with their pyxes, vestments, and books; and though the Pagan Dane or wild Munsterman might rush on in rapid inroad, yet the solitary watcher on the Tower was ready to give warning, and collect within the protecting pillar all holy men and things, until the tyranny was overpast." If this description be true of Clonmacnois, it is true, with the alteration of names, of

Before rushing down into Cork, we pause to pay a visit to Blarney Castle, so picturesquely situated among its trees and banks, and so famous for its kissing stone. Some come on commercial errands to the tweed mills close by; but most to see the huge quadrangular tower and taste its "impudence-conferring" stone. Father Prout expressed the virtues of this stone and the essence of all *blarney*:

There is a stone there  
That whoever kisses,  
Oh! he never misses  
To grow eloquent.  
'Tis he may clamber  
To a lady's chamber,  
Or become a member  
Of Parliament.  
A clever spouter  
He'll sure turn out, or  
An out and outer  
"To be let alone."  
Don't hope to hinder him  
Or to bewilder him,  
Sure he's a pilgrim  
From the Blarney Stone.

Five miles further on we see, covering a broad valley girdled by hills, the metropolis of Southern Ireland—the

City of Cork. From the neighbouring bluffs, which rise abruptly from the verge of the City, and which are studded with suburban residences, may be had a striking view of this picturesque City: its broad principal streets, its cathedrals and lofty spires, its quays, and the vessels that lie alongside. The River Lee divides into two branches a mile above the City, cutting it into three parts and necessitating numerous bridges. The most notable of these bridges are St. Patrick's and Parnell's, the latter a handsome swivel bridge, opened in 1882. Below the City, the branches

of the Lee unite again and flow into the sea near Queenstown.

This ancient City traces its history back as far as



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BLARNEY CASTLE, CORK.

all the Round Towers of the country. But on these questions of antiquity, "who shall decide when doctors disagree?"

the 6th century to St. Fin Barre and his school or monastery. But to give even a summary of its career and mingled fortunes would far outrun our space. We should see it plundered by the Danes, occupied by Dermot McCarthy, King of Munster, settled upon by Anglo-Norman families and their retainers, and in successive centuries the scene of long siege and political warfare. It was after Marlborough had taken the City in 1690 that the walls were allowed to fall into decay and ruin, and the commercial enterprise of peaceful times had opportunity of growing.

Under the patronage and guidance of the Earl of Cork nearly three centuries ago, Cork became the Manchester of Ireland, where the manufacture of woollens, linen, &c., was carried on with such remarkable success

that, ere long, many hundreds of looms were in operation. By and by English jealousy of such success was excited, and these manufactures were placed under severe restrictions. No one could export woollens without an "export license," and such manufactures, besides being subjected to a heavy duty, could be exported to no other country than England and Wales. But the time came when attempts were made to encourage the manufacture of home-made Irish goods, and the woollen and cotton trades took a fresh lease of life and activity.

Cork became famous during the present century for its numerous and busy tanneries, employing hundreds of hands. The trade, however, was injuriously affected by the introduction of machinery, which brought with it the importation of machine-made boots. There are still prosperous tanneries, however, and firms which do a good business in leather.

The leading trades on which the commercial fame of Cork rests are—provisions; butter, bacon, &c.; live

stock; and whisky. For centuries the British butter market has been supplied largely by the Cork merchants. The *Butter Exchange* is the centre of a gigantic business. Half a million casks of butter, valued at a million-and-



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#### GRAND PARADE, CORK.

a-half pounds sterling, pass through the hands of its officers annually. The success of this trade is largely owing to the system of inspection and classification of butters in vogue, skilled officers examining and stamping each package. The spacious *Corn Exchange*, fronting Albert Quay, also bears testimony to the important trade which Cork has in grain. Still greater is its fame for the business done in live stock. Before the days of steamers, the cattle were slaughtered before being exported, and, consequently, slaughtering houses were much too numerous for the comfort of the citizens. But, since the introduction of steam, most of the cattle have been shipped abroad alive. But even still there are important firms engaged in the bacon-curing and provision trades. For whisky, too, Cork has always had an extensive notoriety. It has been noted, likewise, as the seat of the manufacture of glass—cut glass and blown glass. The linen, woollen, and tweed business of Cork and the district is among the many sources of its prosperity and reputation.

Perhaps Cork owes more for its growth and affluence



to its surpassing harbour than to any other single cause. The entire British Fleet could ride in its waters, which

a magnificent prospect of the harbour and the land beyond. Above the long lines of beach and the crescent,

stretch the parallel terraces of houses, with the Cathedral standing forth in striking prominence. Here the transatlantic mail ships make the last and first calls, and through this American doorway to and from Ireland pass annually large numbers of passengers. Formerly called Cove, the name of Queenstown was given to it in honour of the visit of the Queen in 1849.

Before leaving Cork, we must traverse its most attractive streets and see its great sights. The South Mall, with its banks, clubs, business houses, hotels—all imposing buildings—forms as



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### THE QUAYS, CORK.

cover 8 square miles, and are completely landlocked and perfectly sheltered from the Atlantic gales. The entrance through the narrow neck leading in from the sea is securely guarded by the fort on *Spike Island*. Here the unfortunate individuals belonging to the convict settlement are usefully employed upon Royal Dock Works, as well as upon the neighbouring *Haulbow-line Island*—so named from the ancient custom of *hauling a line* or cable across the channel at night to keep out unauthorised vessels.

Queenstown, ascending the southern slopes of Great Island, commands



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### PATRICK BRIDGE AND STREET, CORK.

fine a street as could be desired. The uninstructed could little guess that at one time a canal ran along its centre, and was not covered in until the present century. At right angles with the South Mall is the Grand Parade—a hundred years ago another river channel, but now the most spacious thoroughfare in the City of Cork. St. Patrick's Street strikes off in a curve till it crosses the north channel of the Lee. This curve is the course which the river took, on whose banks the street was constructed; and only a hundred years ago ships might have been seen lading and unlading where solid roadway and hurrying business men are now in possession. Parallel with Grand

Parade run South and North Main Streets, at whose extremities the gates of the ancient City walls once



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THE MARDYKE, CORK.



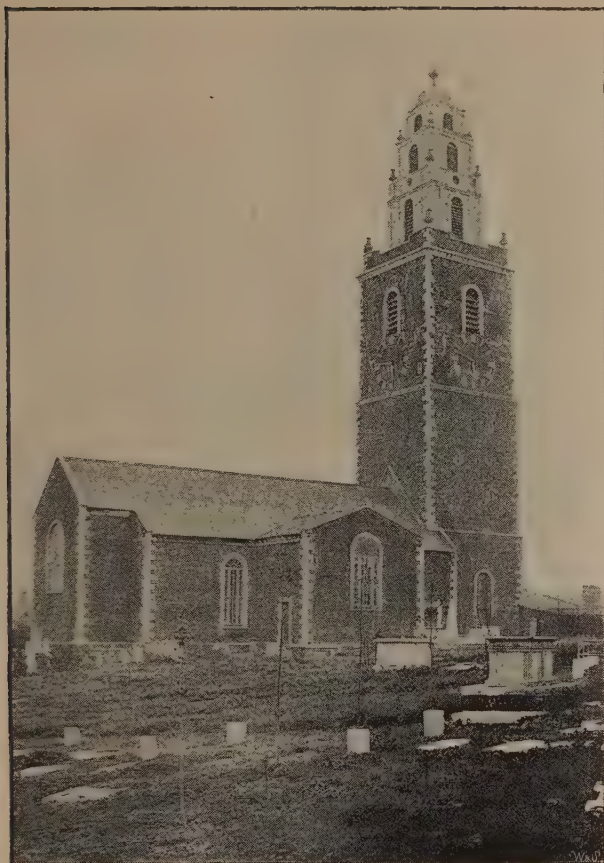
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FINBARS, CORK.

stood. George's Street occupies a good central position, while Great George's Street runs out in finely-constructed frontages to the Western Road and the Mardyke Walk. This Walk, and the Marina, which stretches by the banks of the Lee towards Blackrock Castle, are two of the most beautiful and favourite promenades, enhanced as they are by rows of green trees.

The Cathedral of St. Fin Barre stands out most prominently in any view of the City, with its three lofty spires and imposing gables. Its patron saint, Fin Barre,





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### SHANDON CHURCH, CORK.

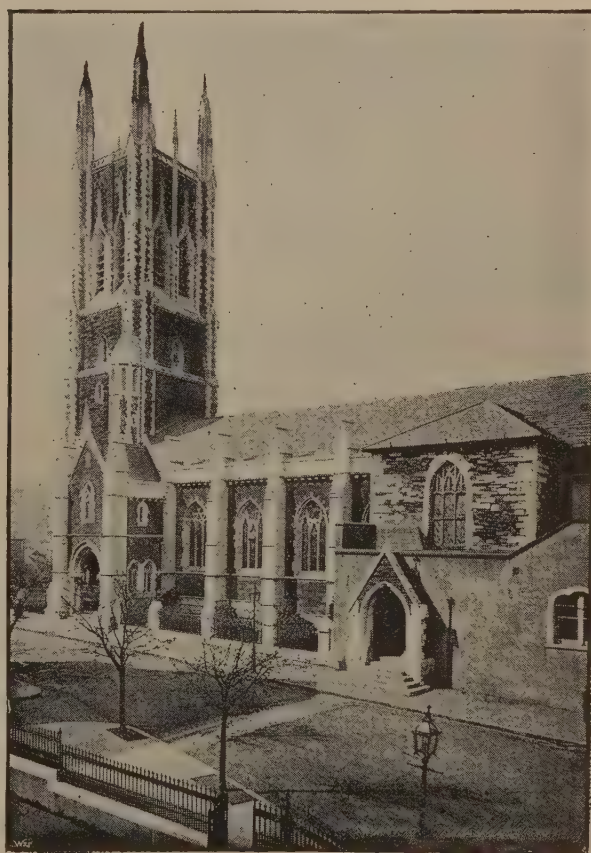
is said to have established the bishopric of Cork in the 7th century and the famous school of Cork, said to have been attended by 700 priests. The legend runs that he was buried in a silver casket in his own Cathedral. Several buildings of greater or less pretensions have occupied the ground, one of them garrisoned and held by the English troops. The present imposing structure was commenced scarcely thirty years ago, and foundation and top stones were laid by Bishop Gregg, of celebrated memory. Of early French style, compact, lofty, it makes a splendid pile. It has cost considerably more than a hundred thousand pounds, and is still incomplete.

Of the other ecclesiastical buildings, special mention must be made of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, on the north side, its tower rising in massive grandeur

and its fine peal of bells ringing out their sacred call to the populace. But for bells, St. Anne Shandon is popularly the most famous,—thanks, again, to Father Prout (Rev. Francis Mahony) and his rhyme :

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| With deep affection        | I've heard bells chiming,    |
| And recollection           | Full many a clime in,        |
| I often think of           | Tolling sublime in           |
| These Shandon bells,       | Cathedral shrine,            |
| Whose sound so wild would  | While, at a glib rate,       |
| In the days of childhood   | Brass tongues would vibrate— |
| Fling round my cradle      | But all their music          |
| Their magic spells.        | Spoke naught like thine.     |
| On this I ponder,          | For memory dwelling          |
| Where'er I wander,         | On each proud swelling       |
| And thus grow fonder,      | Of thy belfry knelling       |
| Sweet Cork, of thee,       | Its bold notes free,         |
| With thy bells of Shandon, | Made the bells of Shandon    |
| That sound so grand on     | Sound far more grand on      |
| The pleasant waters        | The pleasant waters          |
| Of the River Lee.          | Of the River Lee.            |

The rhymers' body lies in the church, immediately under the fine peal of these bells of Shandon.



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### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, CORK.

One other structure deserves special mention—Queen's College, with its quadrangle, wings, and gardens. It occupies the site of the primitive university of Cork, which, like the See of St. Fin Barre, was able to trace its history back to the seventh century. We

picturesque city, and visit the lovely scenes of natural beauty which the county of Cork and the neighbouring county of Kerry afford.

We shall return to Youghal—the charming spot



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QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK.

can do no more than call attention to the Royal Institution, the Court Houses, built in Corinthian style, St. Joseph's Cemetery, the Barracks, overlooking the city from their heights in the north-east. After this hasty survey we must reluctantly bid adieu to the busy and

where Sir Walter Raleigh found his home—and the Blackwater, so like the Rhine and so full of historical association from the proximity of Spenser's solitary castle. But Glengariff and Killarney claim our attention as upon a greater scale and of greater interest.



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QUEENSTOWN.



# COMMERCIAL CORK.

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## LADY'S WELL BREWERY, Cork.

BLACKPOOL, or "De Groves of de Pool" as it is alluded to in a humorous ballad well known to Cork people, is an important and fairly extensive district in the City of Cork. About a half-century ago it was a veritable hive of industry, but, undergoing a change which affected all Ireland at that period, its business characteristics rapidly disappeared. Only within recent

ing them into a Brewery, applied themselves with energy and enterprise to the manufacture of an article the reputation of which now extends far beyond the South of Ireland, where the firm's Stout and Porter have been long and favourably known, and where they command a very extensive sale.

It is difficult to describe with accuracy and full-



years has Blackpool begun to resume its former industrious appearance. Several enterprises have conduced to this result, and prominent amongst them must be placed one which, in an especial manner, did much towards securing for Blackpool its old prominence. The industry to which we allude is that created by the establishment of LADY'S WELL BREWERY by Messrs. James J. Murphy & Co. In 1854 these gentlemen took over the premises from the Government, and, transform-

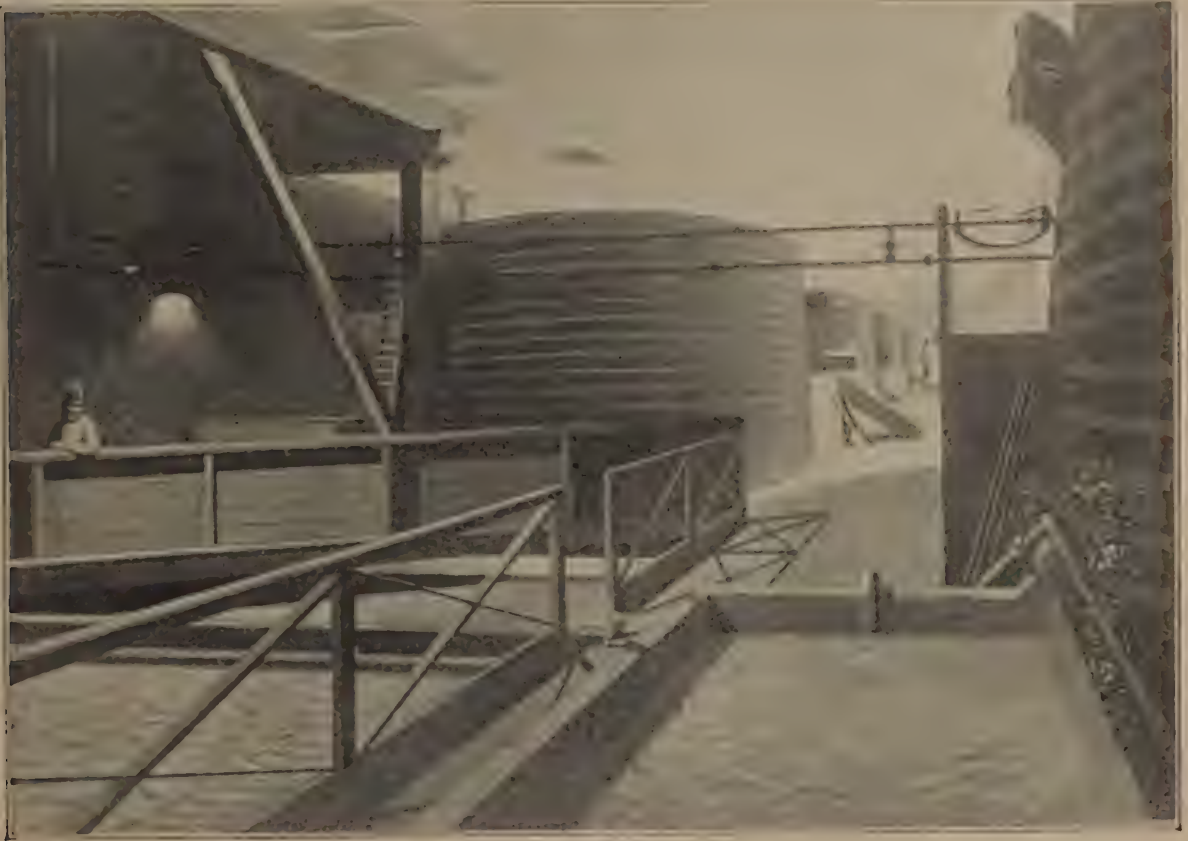
ness premises which are being almost daily improved both as to construction and contents, and which are being constantly increased in size and importance. This is the case of LADY'S WELL BREWERY, but a sketch of the vast works cannot fail to be of interest. The Brewery is situated in Leitrim Street, which lies at the foot of a hill, on which stand the Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary's and the Church of St. Anne's, Shandon, the latter rendered famous by



Father Prout's well-known lines, "The Shandon Bells." Close by is a well dedicated to Our Lady, once the resort of pilgrims, and from which the Brewery takes its name. Although the tall shaft and lofty buildings rising at the left-hand side of Leirim Street, as one enters Blackpool from the City, immediately proclaim the main portion of the Brewery to be lying at that side of the thoroughfare, it should be borne in mind that on the opposite side are some spacious buildings containing very necessary adjuncts to the Brewery proper. To these we will allude later on.

200 feet; while on the left, or southern, side one of the malt bins, capable of holding 20,000 barrels of malt, runs its entire length, and thus completes the first, or main yard, of the Brewery.

Before proceeding to review the larger portions of the premises, we notice that here also are a steam fire-pump, by Cameron, capable of commanding any part of the Brewery in case of fire; a beautiful ether-cooling machine, by Sidley, of Liverpool, combining power with perfection of detail; the fitting shops, carpenters' shops, engineer's office, and model rooms.



CORNER OF TUN LOFT.

Passing beneath the main archway (on each side of which are arranged the offices, reception rooms, board room, brewers' rooms, etc.) a large quadrangle is reached. The large block of buildings directly opposite, and forming its western side, consists of the mill, flanked by its elevator tower and the brewhouse, with its cooler extensions merging into the tun and settling rooms, and extending into the central yard of the concern. The buildings on the right, or northern side, are taken up with the fitting shops, boiler house, ether cooling room, auxiliary stout store, sample rooms, and a well-proportioned chimney shaft rising to a height of

In connection with these last it is interesting to note that models are nearly always in construction here. When completed they are forwarded to the foundry, where casts are taken, and these are then sent to the shops, where the final process of finishing-off takes place.

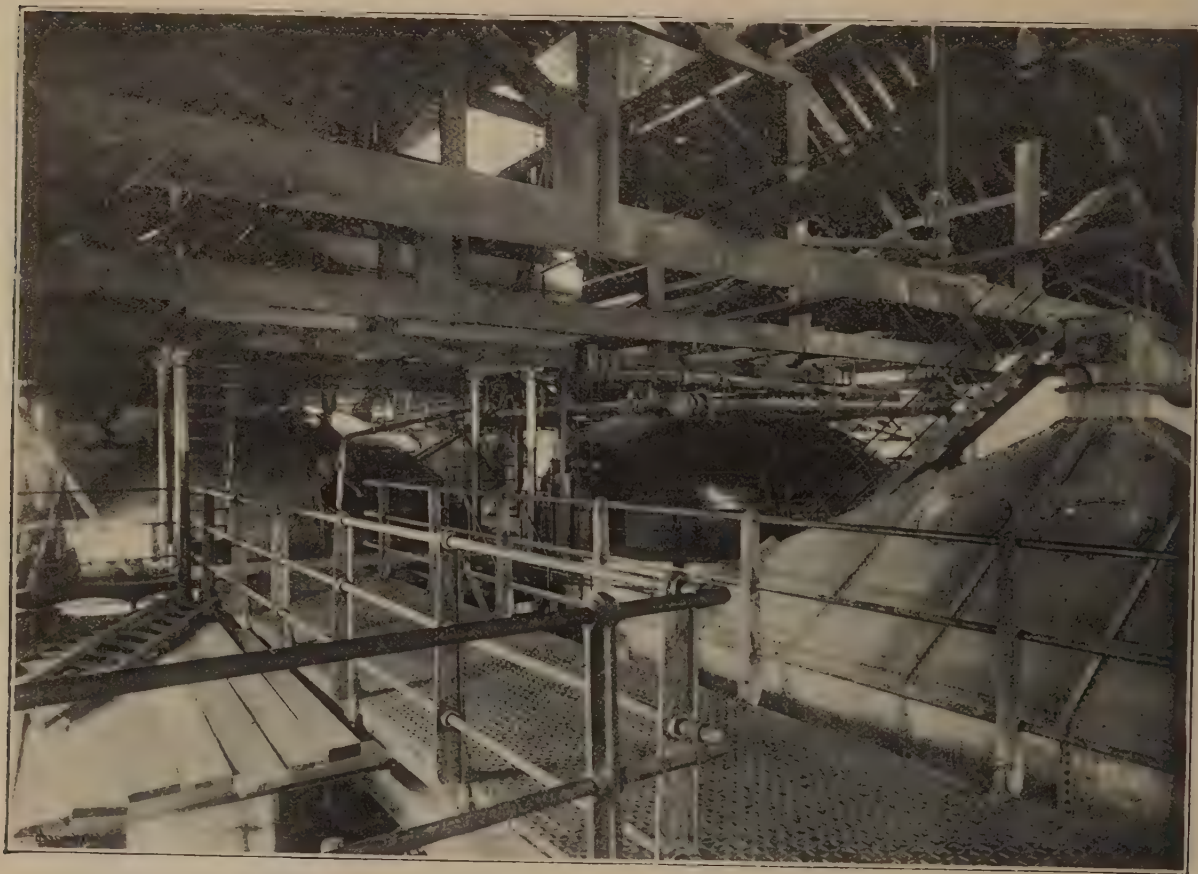
The Brewery is electrically lighted throughout. A combined turbine and dynamo, by Parsons, with two sets of accumulators, occupy a conspicuous site in the quadrangle, near the engine house. The lighting is divided into ten circuits, which are controlled from a handsome switch-board, provided with a convenient

arrangement of alternating switches, made by Mr. Percival, electrical engineer, Cork.

The engine house is situated on the ground floor of the brewhouse, and having noticed that its contents consist of a fine old beam engine and a horizontal engine of the most modern type, which work alternately and represent about 100 horse-power, we commence our inspection of these large premises in earnest. First, we observe the elevators by which the malt is sent to the crushing mills, and, ascending the staircase, perceive

send the charge from the hopper into the mash tun. The brewer's office is at hand, and is most advantageously placed, as it commands a full view of all the surroundings. The screening-room stands directly above the crushing mills, and it is only necessary to say that the machinery used is by Nalder and Co., of Wantage, to impress the fact that the malt is thoroughly screened before it reaches the grist hopper.

Passing to the northern end of the brewhouse the boiling coppers and hot-water backs are seen, and



COPPER HEADS.

that many of the latter are of the latest and best Ganz type. Gaining the mashing-loft, the floor of which is laid with iron plates, supported by ponderous girders of the same metal, we come to an interesting section of the building. Here are two covered mash tuns of immense size, and constructed solely of metal. They were made and erected by William Spence, of Dublin. We observe that the iron grist hoppers over each tun are connected with it by four down shutes, stopped by sluices. By an ingenious arrangement, one man standing at a wheel is able to withdraw the four sluices simultaneously and

noting the fact that Worsham's heaters are largely used in connection with the latter, and that the coppers—which are provided with tray condensers—are each capable of boiling 800 barrels of porter, we begin to explore the southern end of the building. To reach the settling-room from the mash loft we pass through one of the hop rooms, and enjoy for a moment its fresh, invigorating odour, while the eye, too, is attracted by one of the eight sets of three-throw pumps which are utilised in various portions of the premises. The settling-house is a vast chamber, and its coolness is remarkable. The



beer undergoes fermentation under most favourable conditions, and the attempering appliances are all of modern and effective type. The skimming apparatus, which was set in motion for us, proved interesting, as it showed how the yeast was removed from the liquor. The coolers and refrigerators occupy a spacious apartment fitted with Venetian shutters. We are disposed to linger here and watch the gradual process of cooling from the time the beer enters the refrigerators boiling hot until it issues beautifully cool; but, merely observing

Each racking vessel has attached to it a series of copper and india-rubber tubes, which are provided with ingeniously constructed cocks, the patent of Mr. Roche, one of the Company's engineers. The nozzle of the cock when placed in the bung-hole of the cask is rendered perfectly air-tight by an india-rubber band becoming securely wedged. The air rushing up the tube drives all froth back to the racking vessel, and when the pure liquor shows itself in the glass indicator it is immediately apparent that the cask is now filled



CASK WASHING MACHINE.

that the refrigerators are of Morton's horizontal pattern, we glance in at the tun loft and see long rows of fermenting tuns, one of which alone holds 1,000 barrels. A short staircase leads to the cellars, and here the visitor is attracted by the busy aspect of the scene. Casks are being continually rolled on rails to and from the immense racking vessels, and the expedition with which the process of filling is carried out is, indeed, wonderful to the ordinary spectator. A very clever arrangement obviates all waste of liquor, and provides for the cask being filled to the *uttermost*.

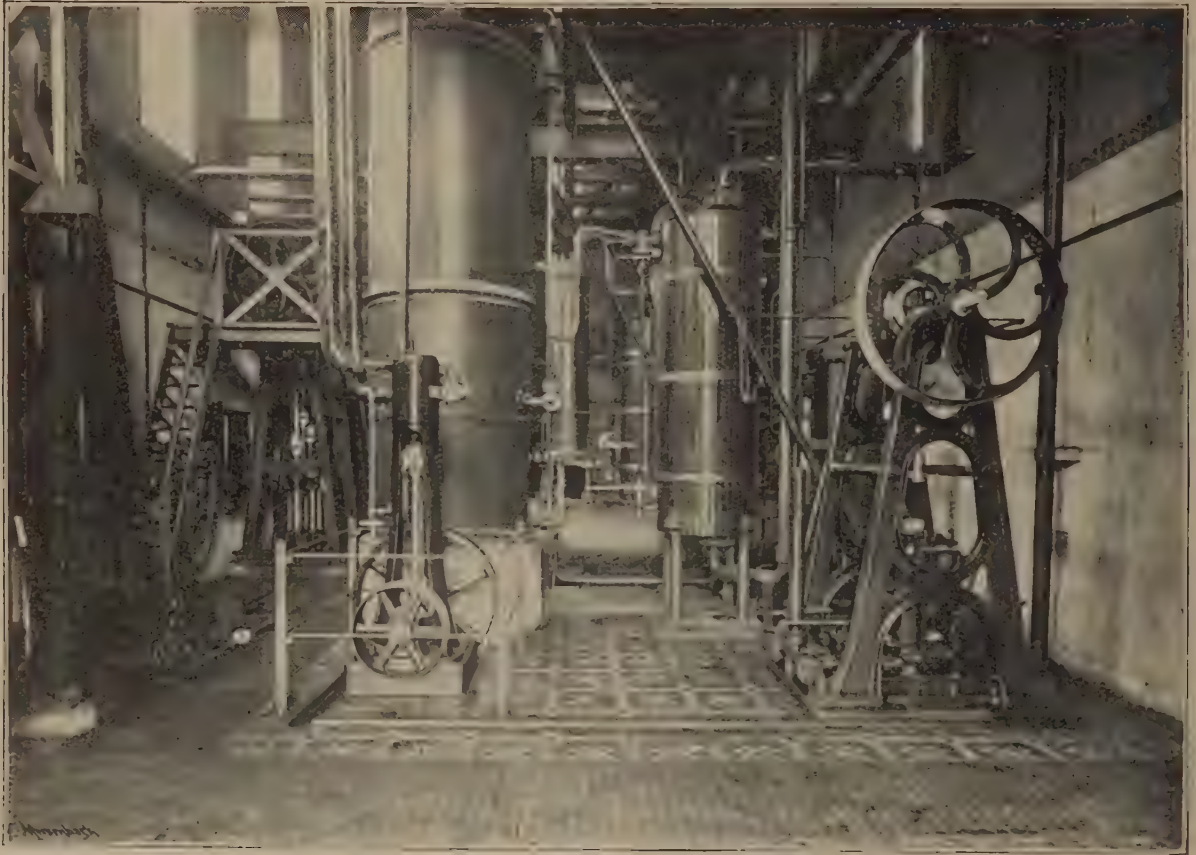
to its utmost capacity. The cock is then withdrawn, and the barrel is sent rolling down the cellar ready for delivery. The general adoption of rails must be noted as affording so many facilities for the rapid dispatch of work both in the delivery cellars and those portions of the building with which they are connected. Thus the labour of transferring the empty barrels from the cask shed to the racking cellar is reduced to a minimum by the adoption of this system.

Leaving the cellars we enter the central yard of the Brewery. On our right hand is another series of malt

bins, which we cursorily examine, and then enter the cask-washing shed. This is one of the most interesting departments of the Brewery. All day long the numerous cradles are in motion, and they perform their work in the completest fashion possible. Every cradle has a dual motion, which renders the process of cleansing by chains and hot water most effective. Having been cleansed, the casks are placed on three rows of nozzles. On the first they are steamed; on the second they receive hot air; and, finally, they are cooled on the third

the Brewery. The blowers, and the pumps which send the water to the cisterns from which the cask-washing shed is supplied, are also in this engine room.

We have now arrived at the third, or lower, yard of the Brewery. Here we see the malt house and the spacious building attached to it, in which the barley is received from the farmers. Piled all around the yard are hundreds of tons of coal, but it must be remembered that this is only one of the spots in which the fuel is stored, the firm always keeping some thousands



AMMONIA COOLING MACHINE (PONTIFEX AND WOOD).

row. The shed is a new building, and the machinery employed is of the latest description, and is most effectual in its working. The heating apparatus, hot water tanks, circulating boilers, blowers for supplying hot and cold air, and economisers came from the foundry of James Roberts, Dublin. In the engine and boiler house attached to the shed we find a new horizontal engine by Roby, of Lincoln, and two steel boilers by Adamson, of Hyde, tested to 170lbs. pressure. The engine works the elevators of the adjacent malt-house and the dynamo which lights the southern end of

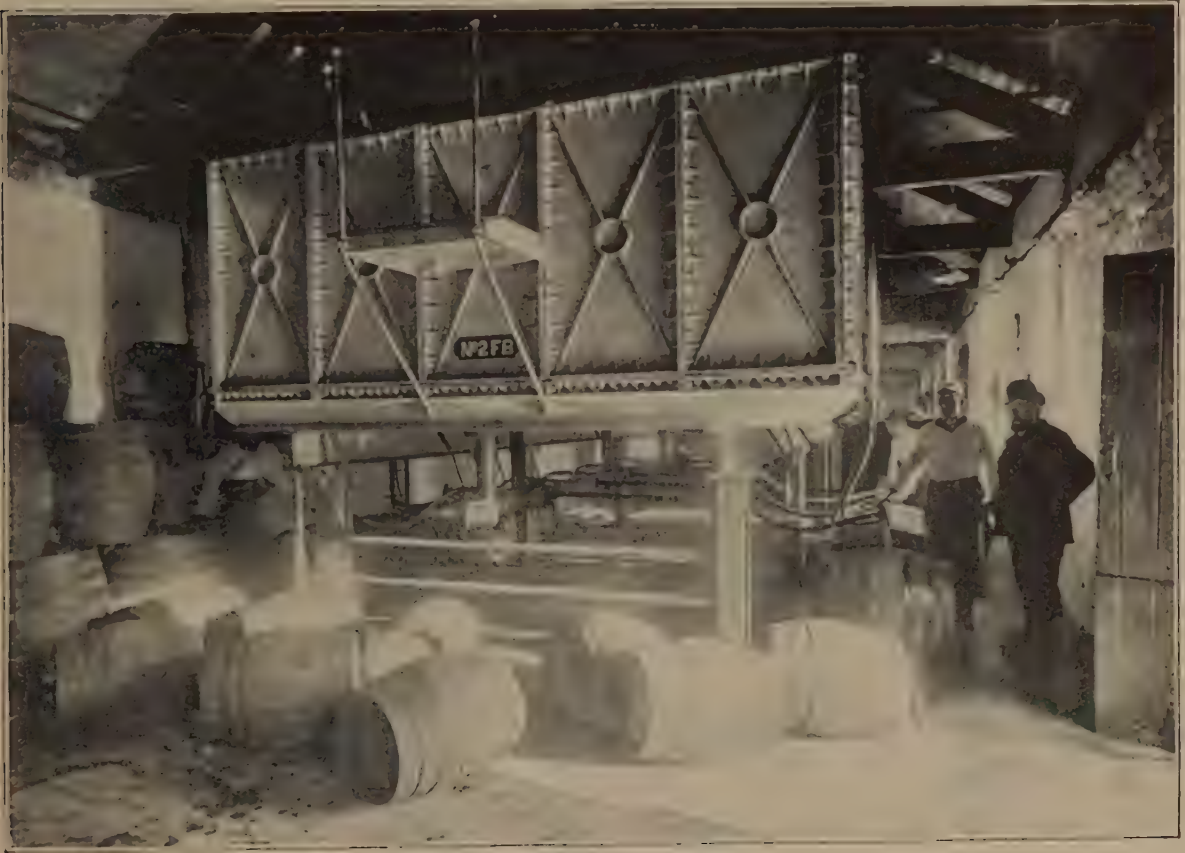
of tons on the premises—not a bad precaution, considering the likelihood nowadays of strike troubles. The malt house is a fine building, recently erected from the plans of Mr. T. Hynes, F.R.I.B.A., of Cork. It consists of two floors for the storage of grain and three malt floors. The metal steep at the northern end of the building commands the latter, and the sweating and malting kilns—with Free's furnaces—are of the most modern and improved type. The stabling accommodation is provided for in the block of buildings at the opposite side of Leitrim Street. Order and



cleanliness are the leading features of the main stable, in which there are twenty-four stalls. Over each of these appears the name of the occupant on a handsomely enamelled shield. Adjacent to this well-appointed stable is the dray shed, where are kept the numerous drays utilised for City delivery. The prominent building in this section of the Brewery is the handsome and lofty house in which the ammonia-cooling machine is at work. It was only erected a few years ago at a cost of £10,000, it being fitted with the best machines of the

five wells or tanks are utilised in this manner, but it may be well to observe that only the water supplied by the Corporation—the excellence of which is well known—is used in the manufacture of the porter. The smithy, wheelwrights' shops, and large cooperage next attract attention, and having examined a useful machine (made by Buxton & Thornley, of Burton-on-Trent) by which casks are measured, and also some gas branders by Spence & Co., our visit comes to an end.

A Government Inspector has declared that this



CASK FILLING MACHINE.

well-known firm of Pontifex & Wood, London. Near the cooling house is another ether machine, both being worked by an independent set of boilers erected in their immediate vicinity.

It is here that the water is cooled for the refrigerators already alluded to, the liquid being first pumped into tanks and then sent across the road by gravitation. The floor of the cooling house is beautifully tessellated, and the general effect is handsome and imposing. Attached to it is a large reservoir, the contents of which are solely used for refrigerating purposes. Altogether

Brewery forms one of the best protected factories in Ireland, and it is not until one has seen the numerous precautions taken for the safety of the employés that the justice of the observation is fully felt. Of light and ventilation there is an abundance in every department, and of handrails and other safeguards there is likewise no lack, while it may be said, without exaggeration, that the general cleanliness of the Brewery is amazing when the vastness and character of the operations being daily performed there are taken into consideration. Indeed,

this is one of the remarkable features of LADY'S WELL BREWERY.

In 1884 the gentlemen who control the business decided, for purely family reasons, to form themselves into a limited liability company, the shares being confined to the family circle. The senior partner, Mr. James J. Murphy, is chairman of the Company, and, regarding him, it is only necessary to recall the fact that he was the gentleman who, at a season of terrible financial difficulty in the South of Ireland—when the failure

City), they presented him with a costly and handsome service of plate. On that occasion the respect in which Mr. Murphy is held by the vintners of Cork was testified to in a similar fashion, the presentation taking the form of a valuable portrait of himself.

LADY'S WELL BREWERY is eminently a growing concern. Within the past four years, owing to extensive improvements and additions effected in the premises, the entire plant of the Brewery has been re-erected and duplicated. This pointed only to one



CENTRAL YARD.

of the Munster Bank had spread consternation throughout the country—stepped forward to the assistance of the Munster and Leinster Bank, and was mainly instrumental in creating the success of that undertaking. The citizens of Cork were not unmindful of his services when, on a recent occasion (on which he was the recipient of many tokens of esteem from all classes in the

fact—that the demand for the firm's manufacture was steadily increasing, and with characteristic enterprise Messrs. Murphy have opened up a trade in the Colonies, London, Manchester, South Wales, and other parts of England, in all of which places their productions have been most favourably received.



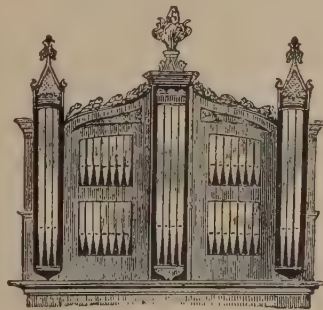
**T. W. MAGAHY, Organ Builder, 23, Lower George's Street (Warren's Place), Cork.**

THE only representative of this important branch of the musical instrument industry in the South of Ireland is Mr. T. W. MAGAHY, Organ Builder, of this City, whose achievements in the construction of this noble instrument will be found replete with interest by our readers. Mr. MAGAHY commenced business in Cork some seventeen years ago. The premises at 23, Lower George's Street (Warren's Place), comprise spacious building shop, cabinet making and polishing departments, &c., fully equipped with the necessary plant and appliances for facilitating the operations of the trade, and conveniently adapted for the execution of orders for instruments of any magnitude. The limits of our space preclude us describing in detail the various processes of manufacture, which, though possessing many points of interest, are of too technical a character to render intelligible without the aid of diagrams and sketches, not readily available for this purpose, and we must therefore be content with briefly outlining Mr. MAGAHY's past successes in the completion of orders for these instruments. Amongst the testimonials received by this gentleman we may give prominence to a notice in *The Musical Standard* for August, 1878, in reference to the new organ built by Mr. MAGAHY for Rincuran Church, Kinsale, which, after a synopsis of the instrument, says:—"At the conclusion of the service Dr. Marks gave a recital, and exhibited the various stops and effects to great advantage, and the unanimous verdict of the large congregation who were charmed by its sweet sounds was that the organ possesses power, purity, and great variety of tone, and is a credit to the builder and all concerned." Mr. MAGAHY was also commissioned to erect the new organ, for St. Mary, Shandon Church, at a cost of £580, of which the *Cork Examiner* of January 10th, 1883, speaks in the highest terms, and the builder, in addition, received the most eulogistic testimony from the eminent Organist, J. C. Marks, Mus. Doc., Oxon.; Mr. Henry Daly, Organist of St. Nicholas Church, and other musical authorities on his skilful workmanship and the superior excellence of his productions. At the time the first suggestion of holding the Cork Industrial Exhibition was mooted, Mr. MAGAHY resolved to tender for the erection of the grand organ, and was successful in obtaining the contract, producing an instrument which gained the most unqualified praise from the leading musical experts who were privileged to perform on it, and gave the utmost gratification to the thousands of visitors, who thronged the great hall throughout the season. The organ gained the first Prize Medal of the Exhibition and received unanimous commendation from the leading journals, of which the following extract from *The Daily Exhibitor* of August 9th, 1883, will indicate the general tone of press opinion on the work. *The Exhibitor* says:—"Those most interested in the success of the Exhibition refer to the organ with just pride and satisfaction. . . .

The utmost praise that can be given to this work of Mr. THOMAS W. MAGAHY is to say that it fulfils every requirement of an organ;" and concludes: "It is a matter of self-congratulation to the people of Cork that a work of such magnitude and worth should have been built within their gates." This well-earned testimony will suffice to convince our readers of the superior

excellence of the work completed by Mr. MAGAHY, to whose energy, skill, and sound practical knowledge must justly be attributed the distinguished position he has attained as a worthy representative of this time-honoured handicraft.

The organ in St. Finnbarre's Cathedral, Cork, has been designed and built by Mr. MAGAHY, utilizing the



pipes and sound boards of the organ which stood on the organ gallery of the Cathedral. The Select Vestry, being desirous of having an organ of greater power constructed, and put in such a position in the north transept that would not interfere with the architecture of the building, placed the matter in his

hands, with the following result. The north transept and portion of the aisle were excavated to a depth of 14 feet, by which means a chamber of about 30 by 20 feet was formed, and in this chamber the entire action of the organ was placed. The console (containing keys and stops) is connected with the underground action, and is placed at the back of the choir stalls with reverse action running under the portion of the aisle which was excavated, leaving a clear passage leading to the ambulatory, with the organist facing the choir. This arrangement created considerable difficulty in producing a high-class instrument possessing both purity of tone and power, and entailed the lengthening of connections which are over 60 feet from key boards; and, in order to compensate for this great distance, and to have the touch light, three pneumatic machines of the most modern construction are attached to the mechanism. The organ as constructed is most unique in design, and is the only one erected upon the same principle in Ireland, and, it is believed, elsewhere. The organ contains the following:—Great Organ 14 stops, Swell 13, Choir 8, Pedal 8 (all being speaking stops), 6 Couplers, and 2 Tremulants (one on Swell Organ and one on Choir Organ). The keys are of best elephant ivory and ebony, upper sets overhanging. The console is in panelled oak, the oak in keeping with choir stalls of Cathedral. The sliding music desk is in oak. The knobs are of best ivory in rosewood, and are coloured differently for each organ. The pedals are of Riga oak. Modern shape (concave with upper blocks radiating) College of Organists' scale. The supply of wind is much in excess of that required. One bellows contains 144 cubic feet of wind, supplemented by another containing 60 cubic feet; the third, or pneumatic bellows, supplies great reeds and the three pneumatic machines, and contains 60 cubic feet of wind. The heavy pressure on Great Organ reeds and pneumatic action is 6 inches, and the general pressure on Manual and Pedal Organ is 3½ inches. Percussion action has been added to Trombone in order to make the lower notes speak promptly, and, for the same purpose, pneumatic action has been added to the

lowest 12 notes of Double Open Diapason Great Organ. The rollers and composition pedals are all of wrought iron, and the rollers measure together over 2,000 feet. There are 3 pedals on Great Organ, 2 on Swell Organ, and 2 on Pedal Organ. The touch is light elastic and very responsive. The organ is blown by three first-class hydraulic engines, and has in all respects met with the unqualified approval of the Cathedral authorities

and of J. C. Marks, Esq., Mus. Doc., Oxon., the Organist. The execution of the above work extended Mr. MAGAHY'S reputation as a builder capable of producing a design for positions of disadvantage and difficulty, and he has recently built and erected an organ in the Hall of the Church of Ireland Training College, Kildare Street, Dublin, in a position requiring great ingenuity to suit the only place available for it.

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**C. & J. O'SULLIVAN, Dairy Produce Merchants,  
Blarney Lane, Cork.**

THE remarkable development of that branch of national industry connected with dairy produce, and for which Cork has long been the leading centre of distribution in the country, has been to a great extent fostered and encouraged by the principal representative houses in the trade, by whom fresh channels of supply have been opened up in order to cope with the ever-increasing demand of the home markets for this class of produce.

In connection with this subject we invite the attention of our readers to this brief *résumé* of the history of the LEADING PIONEER FIRM of Messrs. C. & J. O'SULLIVAN, Blarney Lane, Cork, now established over half a century, and to whose indomitable energy must be assigned the credit of having opened up and largely developed the Cork butter trade with the North of England, and in which district the greater portion of Cork branded butters has for years found a ready market. Like other branches of industry, the Irish butter trade has within recent years undergone a marked change. This is to be attributed to the competition of Danish and Swedish butters, which, owing to the fostering care of the Governments of those countries, and the adoption by them of the creamery and factory systems, assumed, within a comparatively short time, the leading position in the English market, which for so long a period previously Irish dairy produce had occupied.

Observing the current of affairs, Messrs. O'SULLIVAN, with that characteristic foresight which has marked their commercial career, once that the peculiar restrictions of the Cork Butter Market—which hampered energy and clogged enterprise—were removed, applied themselves to regaining that pre-eminence for Irish butter which, by the natural advantages of climate and soil, Irish-made butter ought rightly to hold. Noiselessly they set to work, and by instructing their farmer friends in winter dairying, erecting elaborate machinery, and by adopting the most improved methods of manufacture, the firm has been instrumental in again bringing the staple produce of the country to the forefront, and thereby adding very materially to that prosperity which it is to be hoped has fairly set in in Ireland.

To the credit of the British public it must be said that within recent years their taste with regard to butter has become quite fastidious. In many districts of England a positive prejudice against ordinary salted Irish butter—the quality generally packed for shipment—grew so strong that the very name of Irish butter, no matter how superior, caused it to be looked upon as only

a very second-rate article. This prejudice Messrs. O'SULLIVAN boldly faced, and, with that confidence which a full knowledge of their brand of "creameries" inspired, introduced them to old friends and new, with the result that many buyers have now ceased ordering foreign, and have confined their trade almost exclusively to Messrs. O'SULLIVAN. The aim of the firm is to cater for the million, and by their large turnover and splendid business organisation they have reduced expenses to a minimum, thus enabling them to sell at an almost infinitesimal profit, thereby establishing an economical system of operations that vies with the most perfect principles of co-operation. The vastness of their business may be gathered from the fact that the value of their exports to October, 1891, amounted to the enormous total of £7,000,000, representing a volume of trade truly colossal in its proportions and of incalculable benefit to the commerce of Ireland.

In the march of progress Messrs. O'SULLIVAN unquestionably seem to be in the vanguard. They have recently, with the special permission of Samuel Plimsoll, Esq., M.P., registered a "Plimsoll" brand, which is a guarantee of the FINEST PURE butter for exportation and ship's use, packed in handsome enamelled tins which contain 4lbs., 7lbs., 14lbs., and 28lbs. each. It was a happy thought to obtain the authority of the "Sailors' Friend" in connection with this brand of butter, for it cannot be doubted that, under the system of contracts which regulate the victualling of our navy and mercantile marine, quality has been sacrificed not infrequently to lowness of price, very much to the detriment of the interest of all those who go down to the sea in ships.

It is, indeed, a source of pleasure to us to be able to record the successful labours of the firm herein under review, the more so as the great industry in which they are engaged so deeply concerns the whole South of Ireland's staple produce; and, when we bear in mind the enormous sums annually sent out of the United Kingdom for foreign dairy produce, we confess to a feeling of surprise that the English people, whose generous disposition and national goodwill are proverbial, should place so large a share of their orders *abroad* for a commodity which Ireland could better and more cheaply supply. We cannot too strongly maintain the proposition that the primary duty of Her Majesty's British subjects, whether in mercantile or Imperial matters, is to support and foster the best interests of those of our neighbours whose industrial, commercial, and social well-being are identical with our own.



WOODFORD, BOURNE, & CO., Family Grocers, Wine and Spirit Merchants,  
Patrick Street, Cork.

A VERY brief consideration of the annals of the Grocery, Wine, and Spirit Trades of Cork will suffice to enable us to indicate in these pages not merely the oldest established, but also the most eminently influential, concern engaged in those branches of local industrial activity. The pre-eminence must emphatically be accorded in both respects to the house of Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, AND COMPANY, under which trading designation is conducted a business which dates

was a philanthropist of the purest kind, and during the famine of 1846-7 he devoted a large attention to the alleviation of the sufferings of the Irish poor. In the midst of his labours he contracted fever and died. The business was subsequently carried on by his widow, Mrs. Woodford, who eventually in 1850 married Mr. Bourne, who had previously managed the business for some years. In 1850 the title of the firm was changed to Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, AND CO., and this trading designation remains unaltered to



back in its foundations to the year 1750—ten years before the time when George the Third was king—and which, moreover, stands in an unrivalled position in the South of Ireland in respect of the vastness of its transactions and the splendidly influential character of its *clientèle*. The history of this great industrial enterprise had its origin in Falconer's Lane and Nelson Place, the line of business engaged in at that time being the wine trade and the name of the firm Maziere and Sainthill. About the year 1824 the then senior partner, Mr. Maziere, died and the business was conducted by the surviving partner, Mr. Sainthill. About the same time the Parade part of the premises was occupied as a Family Grocery establishment by Messrs. Woodford and Company, who had succeeded Messrs. T. Morley and Co. Mr. John Woodford, the head of the firm,

the present day. Between this firm and Mr. Richard Sainthill, of whom we spoke earlier, the most cordial relations existed, and prior to Mr. Sainthill's death a wish was expressed by him that, if the wine business were not to be carried on by his sole executor and namesake, he would prefer to have it transferred to his old friends and neighbours, Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, & Co. Negotiations followed after Mr. R. Sainthill's death, which occurred in 1869, and resulted in the purchase by Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, & Co. of the entire stock. For five years the wine stores were continued in Faulkner's Lane, at the conclusion of which period the new stores in Nile Street were ready for occupation, and with the increased facilities has come a corresponding increase in trade. The wine vaults and bonded stores of the firm represent a block

of gable-roofed, cut-limestone, two-storey buildings fronting on Nile Street and taking in the entire space from one of the smaller City arteries to another. The bonded department is a model of its kind and has in it, under Government lock and key, enough wines and spirits to stock a dozen merchants of average capital. In the duty-paid department there is so much suggesting luxury and wealth that it is difficult to estimate the value of the treasure. The floorage area is 28,000 feet; the stock of wines held reaches a total of 90,000 dozen bottles of wine. The varieties held are as extensive as the bulk is vast. Here will be found all the most renowned vintages in Port, Sherry, Madeira, Claret, Hock, Champagne, and other favourite wines, some of them having lain in bottle for over twenty years. Large stocks are held in choice French brandies; also John Jameson & Son's whiskies, some of which have been bonded as far back as 1877; and a rare old stock of Scotch whiskies. Two specialities with this house are their Invalid Port and Invalid Brandy, the latter being registered under the title of "Invalid Four-Star Brandy." Both are strongly recommended by the faculty, and a very large trade is done in them throughout Great Britain and Ireland.

Turning our attention to the grocery department of the firm's great business, we find it conducted in magnificent premises centred in Patrick Street and facing the Parade, and taking in the entire space of three houses which run through to Paul Street, attaining a height there of five storeys. The whole of the spacious interior is appointed in very superior style and arranged in such a manner as to afford the greatest possible convenience alike to the staff and to the customers. A glance round the establishment and a general survey of its organisation and equipment will at once bring to light evidences of exceptionally careful and capable management. Everything is systematically arranged and within easy reach of the assistants' hands. There is no running about from "Dan to Beersheba" in search of any article; a "place for everything, and everything in its place," is the order here, and we need not stop to point out the advantages accruing from good method in this matter. Those who patronise Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, & Co. find their convenience carefully considered in many ways; and though every available inch of space in the premises is devoted to, some purpose of

utility, there is not a suspicion of the overcrowded confusion which is so objectionable a feature in some business establishments. The firm do an especially large trade in tea and its close associate, coffee. They hold the largest and best stocks of tea and coffee in Ireland, and they make a special feature of some select assortments, the soft and delicate flavour of which has gained universal favour in the South of Ireland. The firm also send large quantities to Dublin and, indeed, to England. Green, scented, and pure China teas; Ceylonese and Indian teas; skilfully blended black teas; and all the favourite growths and varieties of coffee are also dealt in, and on these lines the stock embraces something to please every taste and palate. There is also a wide range in the matter of price, full value being given for the money at which the several varieties are sold. We also note that Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, AND Co. make a feature of sending six or ten-pound parcels of tea by parcels post free to any part of the United Kingdom. The firm largely engage also in the vending of groceries, Italian goods, fruits, and colonial produce. A large and varied catalogue of the stock can be procured on application. The comprehensive nature of the firm's business and the extent of its resources are strikingly illustrated in this list of the many items of the merchandise they are able to supply. The stocks held embrace articles of the most widely dissimilar character, though they all come within the recognised scope of the modern grocer's undertakings; and, whether the demand be for teas or coffees, for preserved goods, fruits, or condiments, for staple groceries, or for any of the thousand and one specialities of a first-class Italian warehouse, the public can have their requirements satisfied upon the shortest notice by placing their orders with Messrs. WOODFORD, BOURNE, AND Co. Mr. James A. Nicholson is ably assisted in the management by Mr. James W. Nicholson. These gentlemen have had a distinguished business career in Cork and have won golden opinions on every hand by the conscientious and enterprising manner in which they cater for the various requirements of a vast, influential, and a widespread *clientèle*. All the affairs of the house are directed with marked ability, and its prosperity is fully assured by the honourable and thoroughly business-like methods which to-day, as in the century and a quarter of the house's antecedents, characterise every phase of the administration.

### PURCELL & CO., Printers, Stationers, &c.,

124, Patrick Street, Cork.

IN compiling these historical records of the principal commercial and industrial undertakings in the South of Ireland, special distinction must justly be assigned to the eminent pioneer firm of PURCELL AND COMPANY, Steam-Press Printers, Account Book Manufacturers, Lithographers, Manufacturing Stationers, and Fancy Goods Warehousemen, whose fine establishment in Cork was recently visited by our representative during his tour of inspection of the leading business houses in the City. The history of the firm of PURCELL

AND Co. dates back nearly a century to 1797, during which period it has outlived every one of its early and many of its late contemporaries in the trade, and, by the enterprise of the successive proprietors of the business, has firmly sustained its prestige as the leading house in this department of commercial activity in the City, and, indeed, throughout the South of Ireland. The premises are centrally situated at 124, Patrick Street, and comprise a very handsomely appointed and commodious establishment, with frontages to Patrick Street and Lavitt's Quay, providing ample accommodation for the



large stock held by the firm in the various departments of the business. These include commercial and fancy stationery of every description, albums, ladies' and gentlemen's dressing cases and fitted bags, and an immense variety of the choicest goods, specially selected for good design and superior workmanship, suitable for household, gift, presentation purposes, and tourists' use. In novelty, variety, and quality the display at Messrs. PURCELL's establishment is certainly unrivalled in the provinces, and would by no means suffer in comparison with the great West End houses of the metropolis, while the prices at which the goods are marked we are convinced, by personal inspection during our tour of the establishment, are based on the most strictly moderate terms compatible with the high-class quality of each article. Special distinction must be assigned to an exquisite display of ANTIQUE METAL WORK—copies of the 16th and 17th century designs—shown by the firm, and which the growing taste for articles of real art in the furnishing of walls and tables has encouraged PURCELL & Co. to collect for their customers' selection. *The Printing Works* are situated in the rear, with entrance from Lavitt's Quay, extending backwards to Perry and

Drawbridge Streets, occupying three spacious floors replete with the newest and most improved plant and machinery for producing the highest classes of commercial work and for the speedy execution of urgent orders. The various departments include letter-press steam-power printing, account-book making, paper ruling, label making, lithographic steam-power printing, book-binding, colour stamping, &c., in which the services of an operative force of between sixty and seventy skilled hands are employed. Among the leading works issued by the firm, prominent mention must be made of *Purcell's Annual Directory of the City and County of Cork*, which has for 58 years enjoyed a well-sustained circulation as a reliable work of local reference invaluable to business men in the district. The productions of the house have for generations past enjoyed an enviable reputation for superior excellence of style and finished workmanship, a reputation which was in no small measure recognised by their securing four medals and two Honourable Mentions at the Cork Exhibition, 1883, Messrs. PURCELL & Co. having been previously successful in obtaining two Honourable Awards at the Dublin Exhibition of 1882.

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#### EUGENE DALY (late with Mayer & Co., of Bond Street, London),

Stained Glass Artist and Ecclesiastical Decorator,

Lavitt's Quay, Cork

IN the year 1886 was inaugurated in the City of Cork a business which, judged from the standpoint of artistic merit and excellence in its special department of activity, has probably no rival in Ireland at the present day. The founder of the concern in question was Mr. EUGENE DALY, a gentleman possessing a wide experience of every department of ecclesiastical stained glass work. In this highly artistic industry it will generally be conceded that one firm takes European supremacy; and the fact that Mr. EUGENE DALY has spent a considerable period in the service of this great London and continental firm is a sufficient indication that he possesses artistic qualifications of the highest order. Mr. DALY's connections with Messrs. Mayer and Company eventually brought him on a business tour to Cork City, where a splendid opening offered itself for the establishment of a stained glass factory, which, with his wonted spirit of enterprising activity, he was not slow to avail himself of, and the result has more than justified his most sanguine expectations. In stained glass and window ornamentation, Mr. DALY carries out every detail at his commodious premises in Lavitt's Quay, Cork. Here lead castings are made, lead lights prepared, stained glass designed, stained, fired, and every part of the work produced from the raw material and completed on the premises. The operations and processes associated with each of these several departments are of the most interesting character and afford employment to executants of the highest skill and talent. Mr. EUGENE DALY has carried out many notable contracts

in connection with ecclesiastical window work, public institutions, hotels, restaurants, banks, &c., &c., and the work executed is creditable alike to himself and to the places and edifices he has adorned. The business is constantly experiencing extension in scope, and, through Mr. DALY's influence, becomes more widely known every day. As an evidence of the high popularity the house has attained, we may mention the following as among the leading contracts which have been executed with the highest success:—St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral. Memorial window at Taney Church, Dublin; subject—"Good Shepherd," to the memory of W. G. Goulding, Esq., formerly M.P. for the City of Cork. Kilmallock Church; Banteer Parish Chapel, and Restoration of St. Luke's Protestant Church, Cork; Dromtariff Parish Chapel, the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and many others too numerous to enumerate in detail. As we pen these lines, Mr. DALY is engaged in the completion of two SS. Patrick's and Bridget's windows; a presentation St. Patrick window for the Convent, Bantry, and St. John's window for St. John's Chapel, Tralee; windows for the magnificent new Church at Killorglin (a most important contract); and an elegant series of production for exhibition at the forthcoming World's Fair at Chicago, 1892. Every specimen of Mr. DALY's work that we have yet seen is characterised by extreme breadth and mastery of detail, rich harmony of colouring, and perfect *technique*, and no connoisseur can fail to appreciate the artistic taste displayed in every detail of the work carried out.

## THE CORK DISTILLERIES CO., Morrison's Island, Cork.

DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON, the great English lexicographer, is said to have exclaimed, on seeing Edmund Burke drink a glass of French claret, "Poor stuff, sir, poor stuff. Claret is the liquor for boys; port for men; but he who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy!" There was evidently an incompleteness of experience on the part of the celebrated man and a want of acquaintance with the potentialities of other distillations than the one he deemed proper to heroism. However, there are good grounds for believing that ere his death he enlarged the boundaries of his knowledge, for Boswell tells us that Johnson, when at Inverarie, called for a drink of Scotia's national beverage, exclaiming, "Come, let me know what it is that makes a Scotchman happy!" The sequel is worthy of notice. The acrimonious and testy man of letters grew placid and full of *bonhomie* and mildness; he toasted the Scotch ladies and freely admitted that "he got as good a room and bed as at an English inn!" Now the virtues belonging to the distilled dew of malt as it is produced among the hills and glens of "Bonnie Scotland" certainly no less manifestly pertain to the mild and potent liquors distilled within the coastline of verdant Erin. Let connoisseurs drink which they will, for both are good, and both are endowed, in an eminent degree, with the powers which, taken in moderation, raise the drooping spirit, stimulate the fogged and flagging energies of mind and body, and accentuate the desire for "peace on earth to men of goodwill!" But Irish whisky has been, in one respect, at least less fortunate than its North British ally. It has never had a national poet to sing unreservedly its praises! It has conquered the prejudices of the Britisher, however, and is daily augmenting its conquests; and we verily believe that Irish whisky is destined to contribute more to the breaking down of racial prejudices and antipathies than all the political and platform oratory of the generation either in England, Ireland, or Scotland. There is a grievously mistaken notion abroad that Dublin, and Dublin alone, is the home of the best Irish whisky. We fear, moreover, that this heresy has been encouraged, in no small degree, by the brilliant pamphleteering of our greatest living journalistic writer, George Augustus Sala. At least one county in Ireland (Cork) owes him a grudge, for he has written what our orthodox friends might designate a "tract" on the virtues of "Dublin" whisky, utterly oblivious of the fact that, if the pure and beneficent "crathur" is anywhere obtainable in a state of maturity and immaculateness, it is at Cork, the centre of a great whisky-distilling district, whose products in this line are characterised by virtues that cannot be surpassed in the whisky trade of the world. The heresy then of which provincial Ireland has a right to complain is best answered by the assertion that Dublin is no more Ireland for whisky than Paris is France for

clarets and other French wines, and this proposition has been abundantly sustained at all the great international exhibitions both at home and elsewhere. Perhaps the greatest firm in the world associated with the manufacture of Irish whisky is that which operates under the trade-designation of THE CORK DISTILLERIES COMPANY, LIMITED, and whose great distilleries and maltings at Watercourse, Midleton, and North Mall are among the most representative industrial institutions to be met with in the South of Ireland. Inverting the order in which we have named the three establishments of the Company, we first ask the reader of these reviews to accompany us on a tour of inspection and inquiry through the magnificent distillery owned by the Company at North Mall. This famous establishment, which stands on the banks of the River Lee, occupies the site of the famous old Dominican Friary known as the Abbey of St. Mary of the Island. Some idea of the great magnitude of the North Mall Distillery may be formed from the fact that it possesses a frontage of 684 feet and a proportionate depth. The building was erected, in 1779, by the father and uncle of Mr. Francis Wise, the last proprietor, a gentleman whose demise caused several splendid estates in Counties Cork and Kerry, as well as the vast sum of three millions sterling, to pass into other hands. Entering the great gates of the Distillery, the first object of interest which attracts our attention is the immense barley stores, which extend the entire length of the building and have an estimated capacity which admits of 30,000 barrels of barley being conveniently housed therein. The several floors of this stone structure are thoroughly equipped with all the most improved appliances, including a patent barley-cleaning machine of superior type. Crossing these floors, we arrive at four spacious drying kilns, of lofty and handsome elevation, whose perforated floors enable the effective drying of the golden grain that is shortly destined to yield up its subtle essence in the mash-tun. The thoroughly dried grain is conducted, as required, by powerful elevators to the grinding department, where prodigious millstones reduce and pulverise the malt and fit it for its next stage of treatment, viz., mashing. The mill building is a five-storey structure, reached by passing under an archway. The mill is built on arches, which span the stream, the principal arch enclosing a water-wheel, 25 feet in diameter, capable of driving six pairs of stones and other machinery of equally ponderous type. The upper portions of the mill are devoted to the storage of meal, while the grist is conveyed to the grist-room in the main building. Descending by a conveniently-placed staircase, the south gable of the brewing department is reached. Here we find two megatherean mash-tuns, each having a diameter measurement of 30 feet and 8 feet of depth, and each fitted with an eminently



ingenious system of machinery which travels round the seething crater-like mass, mashing most completely the contents of the great tuns. From this vessel the liquid is eventually discharged, by the opening of a number of taps in the bottom of the mash-tun, into the "under back," another vessel of similarly vast proportions. After a course of treatment in the "refrigerator," the liquor is passed on to the fermenting department, where are nine huge fermenting vats, each capable of holding from thirty thousand to forty-five thousand gallons. From these vats the wash descends by a process of gravitation to the "wash charger," a fine circular vessel of wood, which, being built over the stream, forms a prominent object of interest on the opposite side of the river. The "intermediate charger" is located in the still house, a lofty and capacious building having a paved floor and a generally well-lighted and thoroughly equipped interior. Here we find three old pot stills, the only ones on the premises, the largest having a capacity of 32,000 gallons and the remaining two holding twenty and sixteen thousands respectively. We are here in the immediate proximity of the receivers, chargers, vessels, pumps, and other appliances that we have not space to enumerate, so we pass without delay to the distillery proper.

Passing on our route, three very capacious metal "worm" tubs, around which the condensing worm coils, and a cooling house containing four of Moreton's Patent Refrigerators are noted. We may mention the fact that the spirit is subjected to two distinct distillations, at the completion of which it passes through the "safe" into the whisky "receiver," a vessel holding 8,000 gallons. From the receiver it is passed to the spirit store, where are three vats each of 7,000 gallons capacity. Here the spirit is reduced to a uniform standard of twenty-five overproof; it is then casked, weighed, and committed to the excise authorities in charge of the bonded warehouse. The Company's warehouses comprise no fewer than eleven separate buildings, each devoted to the maturing of the spirits, and it is estimated that the stocks held here never fall short of 7,000 puncheons, while in a neighbouring three-storey building are held fully 3,000 butts of Irish whisky of varying ages, none issuing from the establishment that has not exceeded a minimum of five years. The maltings are entered from the main road and consist of four spacious malting floors. In the engine house are two engines by Rowan of Belfast, each of the most improved type, and working to 40 and 60 nominal horse-power respectively. There are also six Galloway type eight-foot-diameter boilers 30 feet long; also eight sets of three-throw pumps. The handsome chimney stack, built by the Company at a cost of £5,000, has an elevation of 160 feet, and into it are diverted all the flues of the distillery. The utmost precautions have been taken to obviate loss in the event of fire, hydraulic pipes and hose being arranged in such positions as to command every portion of the premises as well as the entire water supply of the distillery. Space will not admit of more detailed notes respecting the working resources of the North Mall Distillery, or interesting facts regarding the carpenters', engineers', and cooperage workshops might have been advanced; suffice it to say that in these, as in the primary departments of the Company's enterprise, the organization is

perfect, the cleanliness most noticeable, and the quality of production unsurpassed. The offices at Morrison's Island are magnificent in every detail. There is, besides the private offices of managing directors and general counting-house, a fine board room used for meetings of the gentlemen responsible for the success of the undertaking. Beneath the offices and in a range of buildings at rear are extensive bottling stores, where brisk operations are continually carried on.

In the North Mall Distillery no fewer than 250 hands are employed, the management being vested in Mr. Maurice Murray and his son, Mr. Daly Murray, two gentlemen whose names are too prominently known in every part of the world in connection with the Irish whisky manufacture to need any eulogium at our hands.

The Watercourse Distillery is now utilized as a malting and stores, and so calls for but slight comment. It covers an area of 300 square yds. by 300 in depth and contains 3 grain stores with a stock of 40,000 barrels of barley, 450 barrels being here kiln-dried daily. There is also a steam-grinding mill and stores of five storeys and seven bonded warehouses, where an average stock of 6,000 casks of whisky is generally held. Of the Green and John Street Distilleries we need not speak, although they are both of great extent and obvious utility.

The Midleton Distillery is situate some thirteen miles from Cork, and about a century ago was occupied as a woollen mill. The Government subsequently purchased the structure and converted it into a barracks. In 1825 Lord Midleton, into whose hands the property had come, sold the premises to Messrs. Murphy & Co., who commenced whisky distilling and brought the annual output up to 400,000 gallons in a very short time. The Midleton Distillery is admirably situated and within immediate access of both water conveyance and railway. It is unnecessary to enter into a minute description of the vast works; suffice it to say they are somewhat similarly arranged to the North Mall establishment of the Company and are equipped with every appliance that modern science could suggest, or art supply, to economise the production of Irish whisky. Fully 200 persons find employment, and the annual output now reaches a total of one million gallons. Here, as at North Mall, the various operations of manufacture are conducted with that care and judgment which proceed only from long practical experience and an intimate knowledge of the most minute business details. The whisky is made solely from pure malt and possesses that pleasant and agreeable flavour which has rendered the Company so universally celebrated. The business connections of the concern extend over the whole of the British Empire, and, in addition, a very large and ever-increasing export trade is effected. From every point of view we feel justified in according to the CORK DISTILLERIES COMPANY, LIMITED, the same distinct pre-eminence that jurors of award at many of our greatest exhibitions have accorded to the concern, a pre-eminence based primarily upon excellence of manufacture; secondly, upon magnitude of operations; and thirdly, upon the genuine wholesomeness, purity, and maturity of every gallon they supply to patrons at home and abroad.

H. HAYES, The Munster Provision Warehouse,  
30, Prince's Street, Cork.

ESTABLISHED in connection with Mr. HAYES' bacon curing factory of Warren's Place, this business is conducted on sound principles, and the large volume of the operations conducted by the house enables the proprietor to ensure his patrons goods of the best class at the most moderate prices. The business in Prince's Street was first established by Mr. HAYES; and since 1881 the trade has increased by "leaps and bounds," and the number, as well as the importance, of its *clientèle* has placed it in a position of the highest status in connection with the trade. The business premises are well situated and commodious, the shop, which extends to a depth of some 60ft., being well appointed and fitted with plate-glass windows, &c., and the back part being devoted to the requirements of offices and warehouse. The same efficient system of management which characterises the Warren's Place

establishment (where the bacon curing and smoking operations are carried on) is also a pleasing and noticeable feature here, and the qualities of energy, enterprise, and tact for which the proprietor is noted are everywhere apparent in the conduct of the business. A large trade is done in the finest Indian and Ceylon teas, the speciality in this department—the "H H" blend—having produced very satisfactory results by way of increased trade. The stock of lard, cheese, sausages, fresh and pickled pork, fresh, mild-cured, and salt butters, and Cork and Limerick mild-cured hams is of the finest quality, and the numerous articles comprised in the general grocery are especially first-class. The whole stock affords a suitable illustration of the experience and the care exercised by Mr. HAYES in order to secure the utmost satisfaction to his wide circle of patrons. That he has succeeded in doing this the substantial trade done is undoubted proof.

T. LYONS & CO., LTD.,

Warehousemen and Manufacturers, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, South Main Street, Cork.

THIS great commercial and industrial institution, which exceeds in the extent and magnitude of its operations the proportions of any undertaking of a similar character in the South of Ireland, was founded nearly 100 years ago by the late T. Lyons, Esq., by whom it was successfully continued for a very lengthened period. About twenty years ago the business was converted into a Limited Liability Company, forming a combination of the three most important business houses in the City, of which we give an account in another portion of this work. The headquarters of the Company in South Main Street comprise an extensive and conveniently-arranged block of buildings, which include the immense warehouse (having a total floorage area of 200,000 square feet) and the large manufactories, the whole presenting a width of about 200 feet to the street and extending a depth of about 300 feet to the rear. The warehouse is conveniently divided into the various departments, the ground floor being utilized for store, packing, and receiving and despatch rooms. The showrooms on the upper floor are of great size, providing every accommodation for the large stock held in the several branches of the trade. These include muslins, silks, velvets, ribbons, woollens, fancy dresses, merinos, grey and white calicoes, flannels and cords, waterproof clothing, blankets, linens, &c., prints, gingham, shawls and handkerchiefs, shoe findings, ready-made clothing, trimmings, knittings and fingerings, stationery, flowers, bonnets, hats, furs, feathers, vests and pants, shirts and collars, hosiery, umbrellas, gloves, laces and edgings, felt hats, boys' and men's caps, haberdashery, Dick's gutta percha boots, leather boots and shoes and materials. These goods are of approved

and guaranteed quality and excellence, having been specially selected for this trade by the buyers of the firm from the leading manufacturers in the United Kingdom and the Continent, the extensive resources and capital of the proprietors enabling them to command the best markets at home and abroad.

The manufacturing departments adjoining include the Cork Clothing Factory, a large building replete with all the most improved machinery and appliances for the production on a very extensive scale of the highest quality of gents' and youths' ready-made clothing, in which the services of a numerous staff of skilled hands are employed, the total force numbering 200 workpeople. The Company have also recently started—and have in full operation—the manufacture of waterproofs, which they have in stock or make to order. These goods are of the very highest quality, and guaranteed. The whole arrangements of the vast establishment are carried out with the perfection of system and order, the organisation throughout being marked with the highest stamp of administrative ability—so absolutely essential in the successful conduct of an undertaking of this magnitude and importance; and, under the management of experienced overlookers, each department presents a busy scene of industrial activity. The Directors of the Company represent the leading names in the commercial world, and with John Kelleher, Esq., as managing director, the undertaking of Messrs. T. LYONS AND CO., LTD., is, it is needless to add, secure in the possession of a gentleman of wide commercial experience and sound judgment to administer its affairs with conspicuous success—in every respect worthy of the traditions of this old-established business house.



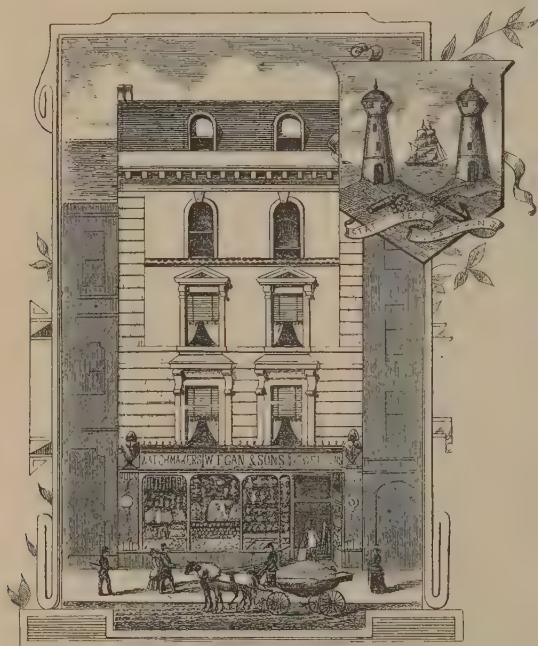


## WILLIAM EGAN AND SONS,

Watchmakers, Diamond Merchants, and Ecclesiastical Furnishers,

32 &amp; 33, Patrick Street, Cork.

ONE of the most attractive establishments in the leading business thoroughfare of Cork is that conducted by EGAN AND SONS, who carry on at the above address two separate and distinct businesses, each of which has secured for the firm an eminence not merely throughout Ireland but in all parts of the civilized world. The business is an old-established one, having been in existence for more than a century, during which period it has passed from father to son, each succeeding possessor adding fresh renown to the already honourable



traditions of the house. The premises occupied by EGAN AND SONS comprise two magnificent adjoining shops—the one, No. 32, being devoted to high-class art jewellery, gold and silversmith's work, and watchmaking; the other being occupied in connection with the hardly less artistic business of ecclesiastical furnishing, vestment manufacture, and embroideries, appointments, and sacred utensils of every description. The two shops have excellent frontages, the windows affording every accommodation for the display of the magnificent stocks.

The shops are lighted by electricity from dynamo and storage battery power, supplied by a 6-horse power gas engine on their premises, which is also used for the silver-plating factory, where old articles are done up as new, such as cruets, teapots, etc., etc.; and bicycling and car irons are nickel-plated, and all kinds of Bizantine

goods for altar and otherwise are lacquered. This is the only factory of its kind in the South of Ireland, and has only recently been added to their business. As evidence of the work turned out by the establishment, we may mention a silver model of the world-renowned Shandon Church made expressly for the Cork Exhibition, 1883, and exhibited at the New Orleans Exhibition, where it attracted universal attention. This church has been made famous by Father Prout's immortal poem—"Bells of Shandon, Loud, so grand on."

In the jewellery department the stock consists of ladies' and gentlemen's gold and silver watches of every description and an elegant assortment of gold and silver-plated goods, including a large variety of standard silver waiters, trays, fish and fruit knives and forks, cock-up spirit frames, revolving-cover dishes, carvers, saltcellars, cruets, *entrée* dishes, etc., of the newest patterns, both plain and exquisitely chased, engraved, and embossed. There is also a splendid assortment of jewellery, comprising brooches, bracelets, chains, diamond crescents, and stars for the hair; dress and other rings composed of pearls, rubies, emeralds, diamonds, sapphires, opals, and other gems. The stock of diamonds is especially extensive, and probably no house in Ireland at the present day will compare with this in the value and variety of these precious stones at all times kept on hand.

The interior of the establishment is fitted with appointments of a most superior description, and the goods are arranged for inspection with conspicuous taste and judgment. Articles specially suited for wedding, birthday, and complimentary gifts, as well as presentation and prize plate, form a very prominent and attractive feature of the stock, special attention being directed to this important branch of the business. The repairing department supplies one more significant detail, skilled and competent workmen being retained for the execution of repairs in watches, plate, and jewellery and the re-arranging and re-mounting of gem ornaments of every description.

Turning next our attention to the adjoining premises, we find them spacious and commodious, extending a long way to rearward, and specially arranged as a showroom for ecclesiastical requirements. All the fittings and appointments of the place are of a superior and elegant character and display to great advantage the large and exquisitely beautiful stock embracing embroideries of every description for ecclesiastical purposes. Among the many artistic productions in ecclesiastical needlework turned out at this establishment may be mentioned embroidered altar-covers, stoles, bookmarkers, silk chalice veils, burses, tabernacle curtains, banners, copes, chasubles, surplices, albs, silk and other cinctures, birettas, dalmatics, etc., etc., while in the department of church and altar furniture will be found a most complete assortment of ciboriums, remonstrances, pyxes, lamps, candlesticks, cruets, missal stands, altar crosses, processional crosses, vases, gongs, statues, stations of the cross, oleographs, altar cards, fringes; registers,

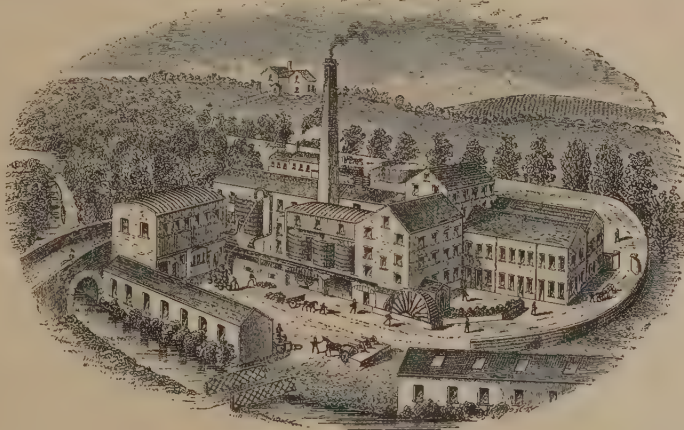


rosaries, medals, and a hundred other items appertaining to the business. Messrs. EGAN AND SONS have conferred a lasting service on the Roman Catholic Church by the invention of a new "safety custos," which quite supercedes the form of lunette generally used in the Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. So easy is it with the "safety custos" to fix the Sacred Host in the Monstrance, and replace the Blessed Sacrament after Benediction, that a nervous or infirm priest could easily perform the act without risk of irreverence or accident.

The firm's connection extends over the whole of Ireland and the United States, a representative being constantly employed in the latter country. Altogether a very large business is done, and Messrs. EGAN AND SONS enjoy the support and patronage of a most influential connection among just that class who know how to properly estimate superior quality, artistic merit, and moderate price in a class of productions where there is but too much ground for believing that buyers are, by less scrupulous firms, sadly taken advantage of.

### THE GLEN DISTILLERY CO., Kilnap, Cork.

THE high rank which, within the past few years, the whisky distillers of the South of Ireland have assumed is a fact which has greatly exercised the minds of those who for many generations had assumed that, apart from the illicit still, no good Irish whisky could be distilled outside the boundary lines of Dublin. The idea (fallacious in the extreme as it is) has gradually been relegated to the limbo of similar absurdities, and the development on every hand of great whisky distilleries is the best evidence that the public of the United Kingdom is alive to the true facts of the case, and that County Cork is in no respect behind the metropolitan county in the distillation of a spirit potent, yet pure and possessing all the maturity and delicate aroma which, to the connoisseur, are essential features in the "Wine of the Emerald Isle." We have been led to make these remarks after a visit of inspection to the "Glen Distillery," Kilnap, Cork, where will be found a special production of fine malt whisky that from every valuable point of view compares most favourably with the productions of the monster houses in the vicinity of the Liffey. The Glen Distillery has historical annals of considerable interest. For fully a century the premises were occupied as a corn mill. Its surroundings are of the most picturesque character, and its quaint though cleanly appearance gives to the buildings quite a romantic appearance. In 1882 an essay was made here to establish the operations of whisky distillation. After a year or two of but indifferent success the business passed into the possession of Mr. J. H. Sugrue, with whom was associated some members of his immediate family, in whose competent hands the general control of the establishment is vested. The Glen Distillery has been equipped with appliances of the most modern type, and in the erection of the



distilling plant, upon the most approved principles, no expense appears to have been spared. The Old Pot Still system of whisky distillation has been adapted, and the processes proceed with the most admirable results. The water supply of the establishment is practically inexhaustible, and the softness and purity of this important element are two of the most prominently noted features of the locality. The present annual output of the Glen Distillery reaches already a total of 60,000 gallons, and it is pleasing to note that the

business of the Company is constantly experiencing the most gratifying augmentation. Every effort is made to maintain the high standard of efficiency already attained, and to this end the closest application both of the proprietors and the head distiller is directed. Of Mr. J. H. Sugrue little need be said, as he is well known and highly esteemed in all parts of County Cork, of which county and the adjacent County of Kerry he has been a Justice of the

Peace for many years. He is a Deputy-Lieutenant of the City of Cork, and is well known as a prominent partner in the long-established provision house of Charles Sugrue and Co., one of the largest exporters of butter for the past 70 years in the South of Ireland. It is pleasing to note that the whiskies of the GLEN DISTILLERY COMPANY have already established themselves as prime favourites not only in all parts of Ireland, but also throughout the United Kingdom, America, and Canada. The City Offices of the Company are at Carroll's Quay, Cork, the London agents being Messrs. G. W. Christie and Company, Cannon Street, E.C. By able managerial control the business of the concern has been advanced to a position among the most successful and most highly reputed of its kind in the South of Ireland, and its constant enhancement is a good omen for future development and prosperity.

## THE QUEEN'S OLD CASTLE COMPANY,

Upholsterers, House Furnishers, General Drapers, Carpet Warehousemen, Silk Mercers,  
Jewellers, &c., Grand Parade, Cork.

IN selecting for the purposes of this work the salient features of the leading commercial institutions of the City, we have no difficulty in indicating the establishment of the QUEEN'S OLD CASTLE Co. as possessing claims of historical individuality of an exceptional character and an eminence in the records of the business enterprise of the South of Ireland, in every sense meriting the attentive consideration of our readers. The history of this important undertaking dates back upwards of half a century, when it was established by the late Mr. William Fitzgibbon, who for some years held the honourable appointment of Mayor of the City, this gentleman being succeeded in the control by his son, Mr. Victor Beare Fitzgibbon. In 1873, in conjunction with Messrs. Alexander Grant and T. Lyons, the business was converted into a limited liability company under the title of T. Lyons and Co., Limited, the three gentlemen above named forming the principal members of the directorate, and, by a combination of the three houses on what was known as the stores system, established a trade which in point of magnitude and volume has never before been equalled in the annals of commercial enterprise in the South of Ireland. The premises comprising the Queen's Old Castle are of great antiquity and archæological interest, having in former days been occupied as the Old Court House of Cork, and still retain their primitive external appearance. The front elevation is of noble proportions and is embellished with various emblematic devices indicating its former exalted station, the arms of the City and a figure representing Justice with blindfolded eyes and uplifted sword standing out in bold relief, and on the crown of the building are the Royal Arms. Between the first floor and the roof are massive Corinthian columns, and on each side of the main building have been erected extensive wings with handsome plate-glass frontage, the whole presenting one of the most attractive architectural designs in the City. Nor is the interior portion of the building by any means inappropriate to the external appearance, the splendid show-rooms for the various departments equalling in the richness and artistic taste of their appointments the most *recherché* of our metropolitan emporia. The main

entrance to the establishment is situate on the Grand Parade, and introduces the visitor to the magnificent ground floor warehouse extending a total depth of 300 feet and providing ample accommodation for the several departments of the business. The limits of space at our disposal utterly preclude our giving more than a bare outline of the infinite variety of goods submitted for inspection, which embraces every novelty of merit as produced by either British or continental manufacturers at prices arranged on a moderate scale for goods of guaranteed quality, bearing favourable comparison with those of any other leading establishment in the kingdom. The several departments include carpets, curtains, window blinds, toilet and chimney glasses, bedsteads, bedding, upholstery, family linens, blankets, flannels, calicoes, prints, haberdashery, perfumery, silks, velvets, dresses, costumes, mantles, shawls, millinery, laces, ribbons, flowers, feathers, furs, hosiery, gloves, ladies' and gentlemen's boots, baby linens, under-clothing, watches, clocks, jewellery, Berlin wools, and every description of outfittings. Special attention is directed to the showroom devoted to the display of art furniture, Chippendale and other antique drawing and dining-room suites, upholstered in the richest fabrics and designed and executed in the highest style of finished workmanship. The central position of the establishment is surrounded by light and elegant galleries, which form an attractive promenade, and in which are exhibited the various fancy goods supplied by the firm. In the front of the building are situate large and luxuriously-appointed millinery and mantle showrooms, in connection with which are elegant fitting-on rooms and spacious workrooms, in which a staff of experienced milliners and modistes are employed—under the able supervision of Mrs. Hart, wife of the manager—in the execution of orders for wedding trousseaux, family mourning, &c. Upwards of 100 assistants and work-people find constant employment in meeting the requirements of the trade, which is of increasing magnitude in each department, the patrons of the establishment being both numerous and influential, including the *élite* of the country gentry and a wide circle of visitors from all parts of the country.

## ST. ANN'S HILL HYDROPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT, County Cork.

THIS highly-reputed hydropathic establishment, founded by Dr. Barter in 1843, stands pre-eminent among kindred institutions in Ireland not merely by reason of its antiquity, but also because of the magnificence of its surroundings and the high-class character of the accommodation it affords to those who enter its portals in search of restored health under the conditions of the most efficient hydropathic treatment. The establishment is most picturesquely and advantageously situated on elevated, though sheltered, ground, and in close proximity to a never-failing spring of

exquisitely pure water. The principal apartments command a splendid view of the world-renowned groves of Blarney and many another scene of beautiful and historically interesting landscape. The establishment is situate within two-and-a-half miles of Blarney Station, and, being centred amid highly ornamental grounds and far-reaching woods, affords a fine resort to the wearied city health-seeker. The interior of the house is well appointed, and every convenience is afforded that tends to ensure to visitors the most refined and luxurious comfort. A magnificently successful installation of the electric light has been effected, which



greatly enhances the general comfort and convenience of guests. The *cuisine* is of the most liberal character, and every care is taken to ensure the utmost purity in every article of diet consumed within the walls of the establishment. The medical supervision is in the hands of Dr. Altdorfer, a resident Physician of great experience, who has long enjoyed the unqualified confidence of patients sojourning at St. ANN'S HYDROPATHIC. We may add also that the establishment affords abundant facilities for the recreation and amusement of guests, the advantages including a well-stocked circulating library and a reading-room fully supplied with the leading daily papers, magazines, and periodicals. In addition there are admirably-laid-out grass and asphalt tennis courts. The golf club is available for use of the visitors, and open to officers of the Army and Navy and Royal Irish Constabulary, and has been formed under the Captaincy of Major-Gen. H. F. Davies. The links extend to a length of two-and-a-quarter miles, there being 13 holes, and the annual subscription amounts to half a guinea. Within the establishment are fine billiard-rooms for ladies and gentlemen, while for those who delight in piscatorial and hunting pleasures ample opportunities are afforded in the immediate vicinity. We may remark that Richard Barter, Esq., the proprietor of this establishment, is an extensive landowner, farming some 1,000 acres, whence is supplied all the dairy produce and vege-

tables used in the St. ANN'S HILL HYDROPATHIC. The establishment was founded by the late Dr. Barter, but the present gentleman did not take out a doctor's degree; therefore he is only "Mr." *En passant*, it is worthy of note that Mr. Barter has achieved very high success as an exhibitor of stock at the leading cattle shows of the United Kingdom. His speciality is for Kerry cows and pedigree Shropshire sheep, for which, at the Windsor and other important shows, he has obtained numerous cups and prizes. Reverting once more to the Hydropathic, we may inform our readers that the indefatigable Secretary is ever ready to afford to intending visitors the fullest information in his power. We conclude our necessarily brief and summarised review of a most valuable institution by remarking that the establishment throughout is conducted on principles which well deserve success; and the perfectly-appointed house enjoys a splendid and extensive patronage not alone from those who resort thither on sanitation grounds, but also from those who desire to secure that complete measure of repose and retirement which cannot at all times be easily obtained even at the highest class hostels conducted on ordinary hotel principles. Communication with Cork every two hours by light railway; station on grounds. Several trout streams in the neighbourhood, and salmon fishing on the Lee near.

## CENTRAL FURNITURE WAREHOUSE AND HOUSE AND LAND AGENCY,

72, Patrick Street, Cork.

MR. FRED CAFFELLE, Proprietor.

ONE of the first houses in Cork at present engaged in the representation of that City's high-class branches of trade, and certainly one of the most prosperous and influential, is that known as the Central Furnishing Warehouse, conducted during the past three years by Mr. Fred Caffelle, successor to Messrs. Burrowes & Son. This represents one of the popular and long-established centres of trade which contribute to the attractiveness of Cork's leading thoroughfare. It possesses all the features of interest common to first-class furniture emporia, and from its handsome frontage to Patrick Street extends rearwards over a very considerable distance. The space of two commodious floors is fully occupied, and to say that the whole warehouse is replete with assortments of superior furniture does not convey any adequate impression of the magnitude of the stock, or the almost limitless range of subjects it comprises. The very latest examples of furniture production are exhibited in suites adapted to the appointment of the dining-room, drawing-room, and bedroom, and the taste with which each class is submitted to inspection enables visitors to comprehend at a glance the merits of the various styles and to contrast the qualifications of the various goods with a view to purchase. Intending furnishers will here find the possibility of obtaining superior equipments on inexpensive terms fully realised. The diversified character of the stock may be estimated from the fact that Mr. Caffelle imports all kinds of furniture, bedding, etc., from England, while he also purchases immense quantities of Irish manufacture, and

a large proportion of the goods are made in the City. Mr. Caffelle maintains the old-standing renown of the house by his constant endeavour to satisfy the requirements of all classes, and the least affluent will find that in this establishment the idea of procuring the "best value for the least money" is thoroughly and satisfactorily illustrated. The whole plan and setting of the establishment presents an artistic method of arrangement worthy of special commendation, and, as a furnisher of experience, Mr. Caffelle is frequently entrusted with the installation of complete suites for houses in all parts of the neighbourhood. All the stage and other furnishings for the Cork Opera House are provided by Mr. Caffelle, and in this respect the establishment has acquired an enviable name, the proper appointments for any special production being accurately considered.

In combination with his furnishing business Mr. Caffelle has cultivated a very large trade in carrying out all the professional transactions of a Land and Estate Agent, and his establishment thus forms a profitable intermediary between landlords and intending tenants, the interests of both being equally considered in the manner to be expected of one who has had a lengthy and exhaustive experience in all that concerns house and land ownership. He is also agent for the Northern Fire and Life Assurance Company—an incorporation of considerable importance and standing—and as a well-known business man, conducting all affairs in an honourable and gentlemanly spirit, he is much esteemed in this district, and is accorded the unreserved patronage of an influential town and country *clientèle*.

## THE MUNSTER ARCADE DRAPERY ESTABLISHMENT

(Robertson, Ledlie, Ferguson, &amp; Company, Limited), Patrick Street, Cork.

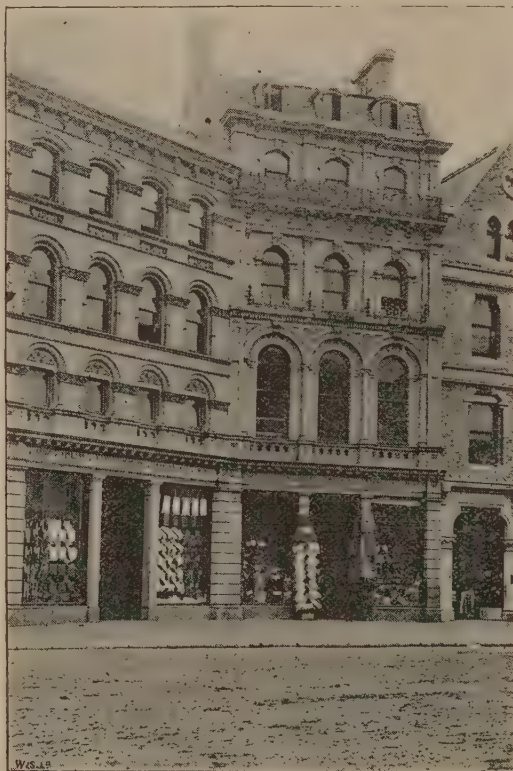
THE history of commercial enterprise in Ireland supplies few more distinct examples of successfully directed energy than is afforded by the mammoth establishment of Messrs. Robertson, Ledlie, Ferguson, and Co., Limited, whose widely popular emporium, the Munster Arcade, presents to the visitor many novel and attractive features of exceptional interest, fully meriting prominent recognition in these records of the mercantile achievements of the leading houses in the City. This commercial combination was originally inaugurated in Waterford, in 1848, under the auspices of the founders of the firm, viz.,—William Robertson, Esq., J.P., and James Crawford Ledlie, Esq. When the Belfast establishment was opened in 1853, Robert Ferguson, Esq., J.P., and the late Henry Hawkins joined the firm; and in 1866 the Munster Arcade, Cork, was added to the undertakings of the firm. The business was continued with constantly increasing success until 1880, when, in order to more conveniently facilitate the operations of the firm, it was constituted a Limited Liability Company, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robertson, who undertakes in addition the control of the Belfast house, the Cork establishment being conducted under the supervision of Mr. James Crawford Ledlie, J.P., and his brother Mr. A. H. Ledlie, sons of the original founder, recently deceased. The premises occupied by the firm in Cork comprise the centrally situated Munster Arcade, extending from Patrick Street to George Street, a distance of 300 feet, and possessing an attractive frontage to both thoroughfares, also providing ample accommodation for the several departments on the ground floor.

The establishment is beautifully appointed throughout, no expense having been spared to render this the acknowledged centre of attraction and leading temple of commerce in the City. The showrooms are replete

with a judiciously-selected assortment of goods in the several departments, a numerous staff of experienced buyers being constantly engaged in visiting the principal centres of production for the purpose of selecting novelties suitable for this trade. The departments include ladies' dress goods, bonnets, furs, calicoes, blankets, flannels, Irish linens, napery and sheetings,

curtains, carpets, Manchester goods, laces, ribbons, flowers, feathers, fancy drapery, trimmings, under-clothing, boots and shoes, woollen goods, Irish tweeds, ready-made gents' clothing, &c., and bespoke tailoring, a new department lately added for gentlemen's outfitting. To this comprehensive list must be added the furnishing department, including branch situated on the opposite side of Patrick Street, which submits for inspection a wide selection of drawing, dining, and bedroom suites in all the newest designs, and hall, library, and office furniture, &c., in great variety, specially manufactured by the firm on the premises, extensive works in the rear providing convenient facilities for the various operative departments. The business is of great magnitude throughout, employing upwards of 200 assistants in the several departments, for whose welfare and comfort the proprietors display the utmost solicitude, a fine library of over 1,000 books and billiard and smoking-rooms being provided by the liberality of the

firm in order to supply the means of recreation to their numerous employés. A splendid trade is done in each department, the establishment being daily visited by throngs of purchasers, whose support and confidence have been secured by the uniform standard of exceptionally high quality which has been maintained in every article supplied by the proprietors during their extended connection with the commercial interests of the City, and which has justly entitled them to the well-deserved supremacy they have so long enjoyed in the mercantile world.





## M. SAUNDERS &amp; SONS, Friars Walk Nurseries, Cork.

AMONG the many picturesque centres of interest by which Cork is environed, and which tend to enhance that City's widely-renowned attractiveness, attention is directed in the present work to the Friars Walk Nurseries, the property of the old-established firm of Messrs. M. SAUNDERS AND SONS, and first opened by the late Mr. Michael Saunders in 1825. These nurseries, which have for sixty-six years formed a source of unceasing attraction for the tourist and pleasure-seeker, were cultivated and extended under the direction of the late founder, to whose fostering care, during many years of active gardening activity, they largely owe their present flourishing character. Since his death in 1877 they have been controlled by the present owner, Mr. David Saunders, and their condition now illustrates what may be truly described as the very perfection of fruit and floral development in the South of Ireland. Their intermediate expansion may be to some extent estimated from the general statement that the grounds cover the full extent of fifty acres and embrace a series of seven nurseries situated to the south of Cork and favoured by an exposure thoroughly suitable to the progress of tree-growth and culture; this being, probably, the most important branch of Mr. Saunders' industry. The area of glass comprehended is upwards of 15,000 square feet; and the entire grounds are arranged, equipped, and organised in a manner—and upon artistic methods—which leaves absolutely nothing to be desired. The culture of the most tender plants and the processes of forcing and recruiting are here represented on a scale of considerable magnitude and completeness; and the methods employed to illustrate the art of modern gardening, in its most charming and artistic forms, are not only readily appreciable by gardeners and floriculturalists of experience, but are easily recognised and admired by persons possessing little or no knowledge of gardening whatever. A visit to the Friars Walk Nurseries is considered by strangers quite indispensable to a proper survey of the "beauties of Cork," while it has admittedly an educative tendency, and all who care to apply the faculty of observation will note with pleasure many features of gardening skill worthy of especial commendation. There are here acres of fruit trees, acres of flowers, and an immense expanse of ground devoted to the cultivation of roses, of which there is a stock amounting to some 70,000. It is to the credit of Mr. Saunders and his esteemed predecessor that they have never engaged in fattening up rose plants for exhibition, and, as a natural consequence, they have been particularly successful in this direction, receiving all the silver cups and first prizes at all the leading shows. Within the last ten years roses have been very extensively cultivated by the proprietor, and of these there are maintained inexhaustible varieties. The highest exhibition awards for beautiful roses have been made to the firm, and they maintain a rose collection unrivalled by any in Ireland, each sort being correctly catalogued in a manner which fully indicates—to the amateur or professional gardener—its exact habit, description, and nomenclature. As put forth by Mr. Saunders the "Queen of Flowers" fully justifies its

sovereignty in floriculture, and in this respect alone the Friars Walk Nurseries adequately merit the very high reputation they have earned as one of the first centres of rosarial growth in Ireland; while even in Scotland Mr. Saunders' roses have received admiration. The proprietor commands, it is believed, about the finest stock of palms, stove plants, and winter plants in Ireland, and his operations have long been turned to the best account in the cultivation of conifer, ornamental shrubs, and fruit and forest trees. The popular taste for planting shrubs and trees round the edges of lakes, private ponds, and lawns has been largely promoted and encouraged by Mr. Saunders, while the more practical advantages derivable from seedling and transplanted forest trees have been efficiently illustrated in the satisfaction which these have accorded a widespread *clientèle*, embracing English, Irish, and American gardeners. The trade is controlled by Messrs. SAUNDERS, and in respect that the bulk of the plants and trees emanating from the Friars Walk Nurseries is of pure Irish production, and raised in this country, the proprietor and his predecessor have done much to popularise the cultivation of trees in the South of Ireland as a desirable source of profit, apart from their primary merits of ornament and shelter. The longevity of tree-growth, the remunerative returns from timber sold, the usefulness of trees in absorbing moisture, and affording cover for birds are the chief points upon which tree culture can be recommended to all communities, but more especially to the communities of Ireland. By all nowadays interested in the subject, and by those who have made an exhaustive study of arboriculture, the idea of tree cultivation on an extended scale has come to be regarded as a likely source of prosperity for this country. The planting of mountains, bog, and waste land with trees of sound and vigorous growth has been experimented upon with the most satisfactory results, and there can be no question as to the great gain to the country which would inevitably accrue were ever such a scheme of universal tree cultivation to be adopted. The subject has been put forward in a practical and suggestive form by specialists in forestry, and it may not be too ambitious to presume that the Friars Walk Nurseries will no doubt be called upon to contribute to the great scheme of national afforestation, should it ever be finally resolved upon.

As at present the resources of the Friars Walk Nurseries seem equal to the most pressing exigencies of the industry they represent (and we know of no place in this country, or indeed anywhere throughout the kingdom, where there exist more beautiful examples of shrub and floral magnificence than in the series of elegant nurseries which form the subject of this brief sketch), we should here add that, besides the newest and choicest florists' flowers, Mr. Saunders possesses at all times a splendid collection of bridal and ball bouquets, sprays, wreaths, crosses, and chaste designs for mortuary flowers. The transmission of flowers by rail and parcel post and all other operations of the nurseryman's trade are carried on with due regard for the interests of an influential and widespread connection, and a splendid intermediary of communication between the proprietor and his patrons,

as well as a useful guide to all gardeners, is the descriptive catalogue issued periodically, and representing one of the most attractive compilations of the kind. Of the industry itself it need only be said that it has not been so good in the South of Ireland for some years, but we understand it was very successful and profitable prior to eight years ago; and, taking the prospects as they stand, there is every hope of an early resumption of that gratifying condition of things. Few nurserymen possess a broader or a more intimate knowledge of the industry than Mr. Saunders. He is an Irish gentleman of

education and taste, and, in order to prove this, one has only to pay a visit to the pretty house in which he lives, or to the pretty garden and conservatory attached, or in fact to the Friars Walk Nurseries, the leisurely inspection of which is greatly enhanced by his pleasing manners and always genial courtesy.

MESSRS. SAUNDERS AND SONS have lately introduced the following new chrysanthemums, viz., Mrs. Gubbins' Single White May; Saunders' handsome Double White Lady de Veace, a mixture of salmons; and A. J. Balfour, the best crimson ever produced.

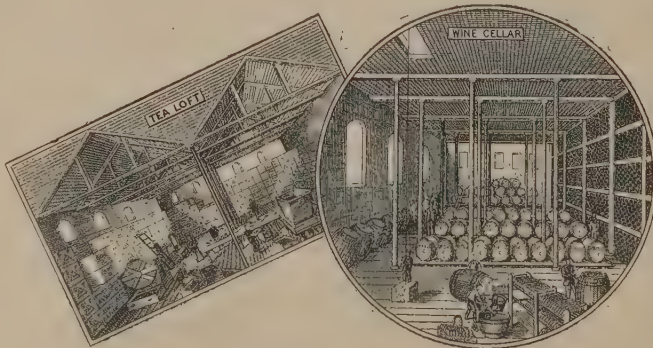
**D. F. SULLIVAN & CO., Tea and Wine Importers,**  
Maylor Street, Cork.

THE abundant facilities which are afforded at the present time for the importation of the universal beverage "that cheers, but not inebriates," the increased system of ocean-going "tea-greyhounds," and the new geographical centres of supply have created a wholesale trade far transcending the limits of transaction known to our forefathers. The wholesale tea merchant of the present day requires to exercise the keenest wit and to be armed with the ripest experience in order to succeed in the fierce battle of mercantile competition which the exigencies of the age have brought about. Nor is Erin freer from this competitive spirit than the neighbouring kingdoms, but it is gratifying to know that her most representative houses conduct their business on even higher principles than animate her neighbours on the other side of the Channel. An illustration of high principle and admirable management of a large wholesale tea house is afforded by the establishment of Messrs. D. F. SULLIVAN AND Co., Tea and Wine Importers, of Maylor Street, Cork, a business founded some years ago, and now advanced by the honourable and trustworthy methods of its trading to an eminent rank among the kindred commercial institutions of the province. The business premises, which are of comparatively recent erection, comprise a handsome two-storey brick building of spacious frontage and great rearward extension. The premises are in every way well suited to the requirements of the firm's business. In the upper portion of the building there are held immense stocks of the choicest growths of teas, all of guaranteed purity and exceedingly delicious flavour. With all the peculiar and varying characteristics of this luxury the members of the firm are thoroughly acquainted. In their tea loft the most improved blending machinery is in operation and the goods are peculiarly free from the adulterations which

are not uncommon in the tea trade. The wine department of the firm's business also claims a brief notice in these reviews. The wine cellar is stored with an immense and valuable stock of the choicest vintages, including specimens of the red and white wines of France, Spain, and Portugal, and many specialties in claret, hock, Madeira, and other equally desirable wines. Messrs. SULLIVAN AND Co. are also very largely engaged in the sale of cordials, whiskey, brandies, rum, etc. They are agents for the well-known Belfast firm of distillers, viz., Kirker, Greer, and Co., Limited, who hold no fewer than fourteen gold medals for the superior quality of their whiskey; and, to meet the increasing demand for Devon

and Hereford cider, they have taken up the agency in the South of Ireland for Messrs. Henley and Sons, Joiner Street, Tooley Street, London. This firm have no medals for their cider. Bottling is carried on under the personal supervision of the firm, and genuineness is a *sine qua non* of Messrs. D. F. SULLIVAN AND Co.'s dealings. Indeed, the business owes its extent to the attention bestowed on

the goods by the management, and right faithfully do the firm perform the oftentimes arduous and responsible duties of their business. Rivalry and endeavours to "cut-down" are treated with contempt by this house, who supply a *quid pro quo* in all their dealings with their customers. The trade extends over the entire kingdom, and the future bids fair to be even more prosperous than the past, successful as that has been beyond the firm's most sanguine expectation. As a representative industrial institution creditable alike to its originators and to the City of Cork, we gladly include the house of Messrs. D. F. SULLIVAN AND Co. among those concerns whose annals are the annals of Irish industrial enterprise, and deserve to be included in permanent and collective form for future reference and instruction.





## LUNHAM BROTHERS, Bacon Curers, Cork.

THE enormous development in recent years of the bacon-curing industry in the South of Ireland has been so phenomenal in character, that a brief *resumé* of the history of one of the leading firms engaged in this important branch of commercial activity cannot fail to present many features of interest to our readers. The house of Messrs. LUNHAM BROS., the eminent firm who form the subject of this notice, was established about sixty years ago by these gentlemen, who had previously acquired a thoroughly practical acquaintance of the bacon-curing trade in Scotland, and who, from its central position in the heart of the pig-raising districts, selected Cork as the site of their operations. With characteristic energy and enterprise Messrs. LUNHAM BROS. rapidly extended and developed the proportions of their business, the high standard quality maintained in their productions securing for their brands of bacon and hams a world-wide reputation for sustained superiority; and the excellence of all their productions firmly established them in the prominent position they so deservedly occupy in the leading markets at home and abroad. In order to accommodate the enormous increase which has marked the operations of the several departments of the business, Messrs. LUNHAM BROS. have recently erected a splendid block of new buildings from the designs of the well-known Cork architect, Mr. Robert Walker, M.S.A. These cover a total area of an acre and a half in extent, the premises being constructed with special reference to the requirements of the trade, and for completeness of equipment are unsurpassed in the kingdom. They are conveniently arranged for facilitating the various processes of killing and curing bacon and the manufacture of their famous sausages and lard. The factory is fully equipped with modern plant and appliances of the newest type, steam power being extensively utilized as motive force and for other purposes. The process by

which the pigs are killed is a very rapid one, the rate of killing being from 150 to 180 pigs per hour, and they are scalded and singed with equal celerity. After undergoing the latter operation, they are carried along by overhead travelling rails to the hanging lofts, and are there transferred to the cooling rooms, where they are reduced to a temperature of 35 to 40 degrees Fahr. When this process is accomplished they are sent down through a shoot to the curing beds. This department has been specially fitted with cooling apparatus of an improved design, including ammonia machines and circulating brine pipes, constructed for the firm by Messrs. Pontifex & Wood, of Shoe Lane, London, and which have proved very effective. Some indication of the magnitude of Messrs. LUNHAM BROS.' business may be formed from the fact that their stock of bacon in these cellars frequently amounts to the enormous number of 7,000 to 10,000 pigs!!—the working capacity of the factory enabling them to deal with 5,000 hogs per week. The lard and sausage-making departments are arranged on a similar scale of efficiency, and a large number of hands is employed throughout the factory. An extensive and important home and export trade is done by the firm, and which extends to the principal buyers in the leading produce markets. The perfection of cure is at once apparent when we state that it is *the favourite*, and we might say the only one brand that can withstand the climatic influences of the East. As an evidence of the strides made, we would draw attention to the killings. In 1878 the number of pigs slaughtered was under 30,000; in 1888 the number reached 127,000!! The efforts in the Cork establishment were ably followed up by those in charge of the London agency, who were successful enough to place the brand in such a position on that market that it is deemed by many *premier*, and by *all* second to none.

WILLIAM BAYLOR HARTLAND, F.R.H.S., Seed Merchant and Florist,  
24, Patrick Street, Cork.

*"Quie regio in terris nostri non plena laboris."*

IN reviewing in detail the great representative industries and noteworthy commercial enterprises of Cork, it is a distinct pleasure to make mention of a house of such eminent status as that of HARTLAND'S. It holds the premier position among the seedsmen and florists of the City and its environs, if not of the entire province. The name of HARTLAND has figured in the industrial annals of the South of Ireland for a period of a century and a quarter. The trade was originally founded by Richard Hartland, grandfather of the present proprietor. The premises in Patrick Street occupy an eligible site in the very heart of the City, and are in direct telephone connection with trial grounds at Ard-Cairn, Blackrock. The latter are tastefully laid out with many specialties, particularly bulb-growing for the Colonies and United States. Mr. HARTLAND issues most complete and exhaustive catalogues full of originality. The goods

are notable for the satisfaction they have given during many years. Indeed, as a general seedsman, Mr. HARTLAND has an established reputation of the first eminence, and as a florist unique. But it is as a grower of daffodils that Mr. HARTLAND is universally famous. In this special sphere he stands absolutely alone in his profession. So much the better, say we. His "Floral Album of Daffodils" is an *opus magna*, and is a valuable contribution to horticultural and artistic knowledge; Gertrude Hartland, by whom the drawings are made, being an artist of much ability. We must now remark that, from the commercial point of view, Mr. HARTLAND'S efforts are highly appreciated both at home and abroad. The trade he controls is one of widespread extent. Mr. HARTLAND is a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society of England and a member of one of the Royal Committees. We wish him all success in his business.

## THE KING STREET IRON WORKS, Cork.

KING STREET IRON WORKS COMPANY, *Proprietors.**Telegrams:—“GEORGE PERROTT, CORK.”*

ONE of the largest and oldest of the several flourishing undertakings that have contributed to the development of Cork's iron-founding activity is presented in the KING STREET IRON WORKS, established in 1810 and now controlled under the eminent corporate proprietary named at the head of this brief sketch. From its inauguration by Mr. McSweeney down to the present time the concern has borne a prominent and initiative part in all the gradations of improvement by which the science and industry of iron founding have been characterized. Many contracts calling for special ingenuity and skill have been fulfilled within the KING STREET IRON WORKS, and this fact has led to a general recognition of its importance in the iron trade and of its capability to carry out the most intricate as well as the most elaborate operations which fall within the scope of the firm's work. The interests of the concern descended from the original proprietor to his two nephews, Messrs. H. and C. Smith, and from these to the present Company, who have directed its affairs for upwards of three years. The intermediate enlargements of the works, which the constant expansion of the firm's trade during a period of eighty-one years has obviously necessitated, may be said to have led to the accumulation of resources of a very valuable description; and the importance of the industry at the present time is fully emphasized in the magnitude of the premises, extending, as they do, from King Street to St. Patrick's Quay, a distance of about 300 feet. The most casual visitor to these works cannot fail to be impressed with the remarkable precision with which all the details are regulated. The work is guided on a system whereby every item of plant and every branch of labour is admirably economised, and it must be a matter of considerable satisfaction to the Company's patrons at a distance from the City that the works are so closely contiguous to the Quay as to simplify and also to cheapen the work of transport. The premises are next to those of the Clyde Shipping Company, and this enables the Company to deal with the conveyance of raw materials at a very low cost, while it also invests them with exceptional advantages for the delivery of castings by rail or steamer, as well as for receiving consignments of old metal, scrap-iron, brass, copper, and lead materials, which the Company largely purchase on terms which such facilities make very liberal.

At the entrance in King Street are the offices, and over these are the drawing offices, pattern-rooms, and stores. The entire practical departments are laid out and arranged in a manner which attains the perfection of convenience, and among the leading features of a splendid modern plant there are to be noted many novel and improved forms of apparatus for planing, turning, drilling, and boring all kinds of castings, these operations being accomplished with a speed and efficiency which

have recommended the KING STREET WORKS to the attention of various firms requiring this class of work. For the convenience of their patrons the Company maintain a very large assortment of new patterns up to date as regards all the latest designs; and the improvement or alteration of patterns to any express direction or plan is one of the most successful branches of work in which they engage. These patterns represent many improved forms of machinery for corn and flour mills, breweries, distilleries, saw-mills, corn-kilns, gas works, bridges, roofs, cisterns, steam engines, and water-wheels. The making of spur, mitre, and bevel wheels is an important branch of the firm's industry, and they exhibit patterns for numerous ingenious appliances adapted to almost every operation of the *agricultural* industries. The greatest possible variety is represented in all kinds of ornamental work, for which the KING STREET WORKS may be said to bear a special reputation, and the prevalent demand for *portable* machinery is well provided for by the Company, who have introduced and wrought out many first-class ideas in this direction. While entering upon the production of every possible form of castings, they devote exceptional consideration to the output of *soft grey metal castings*, for the facile machining of which they possess resources of an exceptional kind.

The Company are agents for every description of mill and factory requisites, providing these *direct* from the accredited makers and at such moderate prices as their systems of dealing enable them to afford. Of late years the magnitude of the Company's contracts has called for the adoption of powerful cranes, the importance and usefulness of which was some time ago illustrated in the process of casting an enormous wheel for large flour mills in the county of Kildare, the ladle containing the molten metal being conveyed by the crane to the mould, and, by a powerful screw motion, canted in with perfect smoothness and an entire absence of danger. This operation was witnessed by the Mayor of Cork and several members of the Home Manufacture Association on the occasion of their special visit in February, 1889. The Company's undertakings cover a very extensive range of work, and almost all the phases of scientific iron founding are creditably exemplified. No circumstance could more strongly accentuate the superiority of their productions than the high repute these have earned in all industrial centres where iron founding of the best class is indispensable and in constant requisition. The influence and mercantile status of the house are undoubted, and, as a representative Irish concern, guided and directed on intelligent methods and principles, it bears an importance in the trade of the South of Ireland which renders a notice of its leading features absolutely essential to the completeness of any review of this country's typical industries.



## Dwyer &amp; Company, Limited,

Warehousemen and Manufacturers, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 29, Great George Street, Cork.

NOTWITHSTANDING the undeniable fact that competition is constantly on the increase, and that nearly every field of mercantile operation is crowded with busy workers seeking to turn its manifold resources to the best possible account, without any solicitous regard for the interests of their co-labourers in similar spheres of activity, the present age is one which abounds in opportunities for the business man whose energy and enterprise are equal to the exigencies of the times. The warehouse may have been opened only yesterday, but it will not fall short of substantial support, provided it offers good value to the discriminating buyer. But to our somewhat conservative minds it occurs that the highest *desideratum* in the commercial arena is the old-established and honourably associated house that has, while maintaining its old-fashioned integrity, not lost sight of the fact that, in commerce, "progress" is the order of the day, and that by activity and enterprise only will the ancient establishment survive as the fittest. These somewhat discursive remarks are the result of an inspection of Cork's most extensive and enterprising house—a concern not of yesterday, but reaching its annals back across almost a century of Ireland's stormy history. Until fifteen years ago the business operations of the house were carried on in Nos. 24 and 25, Great George Street. In 1883 extensive additions were made at rear of Great George Street, and in 1888 the imposing structure, comprising 27, 28, and 29, Great George Street, was acquired and connected by a bridge with the existing premises, the whole forming what unquestionably constitutes the largest mart of its kind in the South of Ireland. The premises, which comprise a number of blocks, have a very imposing frontage, and it would be impossible, within the compass of a necessarily brief review, to indicate more than a few of the leading characteristics that we noted during a recent visit. We had the pleasure of inspecting their various factories, wherein are made boots, shirts, ladies' underclothing, hand-made baize quilts, Irish crochet lace, carpet bags, and emigrants' trunks. The several workrooms are equipped with machinery and appliances of the most approved and modern description, no expense having been spared to render the manufacturing departments all that the pressing demands of modern competitive commerce could suggest. With respect to the Company's boot and shoe factory, it may interest our readers to note the opinion of a writer in the Boston (U.S.) *Boot and Shoe Recorder* of 28th Oct., 1891, who says:—"I made a tour of this factory, and I may tell you I was more than surprised at the manner in which these gentlemen have taken hold of this branch of their business, which was started about five years ago; and at the present time they have a factory (120 by 150 ft.) employing seventy hands, the entire product of which

they sell to their own trade. They manufacture 500 to 600 pairs per week, and they have a capacity for double that amount; but, on account of inability to obtain some classes of labour, they are unable to increase their output." The machinery in this factory has been laid down by the celebrated American firm, "The Rockingham Machine Company," and is the first set of American shoe machinery ever put up in the South of Ireland. Up to the time that the Messrs. Dwyer commenced manufacturing they bought all the boots and shoes they sold. After a fair trial of manufacturing, it was found that they could give as good value, and in most cases better value, than the goods they would have to buy. The general departments of Messrs. Dwyer & Company's business include—boots and shoes, leather, fancy goods, haberdashery, perfumery, stationery, jewellery, hosiery, frillings and laces, hats and caps, umbrellas, scarves, handkerchiefs, stays, shawls, shirts, shirtings, fingering wools and worsteds, calicoes, linens, towels and tablecloths, prints and muslins, dresses, flannels, blankets, quilts, woollens, hardware, builders' and general ironmongery. This list we believe to be absolutely unrivalled in the kingdom in respect of its comprehensiveness, and the fact that every item not manufactured on the premises has been carefully selected from the best sources with great judgment accounts in no small degree for the splendid popularity which the house has attained throughout the South of Ireland. An idea of the magnitude of the firm's operations may be formed from the fact that, in the various departments (wholesale and manufacturing), no fewer than four hundred hands are employed, and it is a gratifying circumstance to record that between these employes and the administrative body, including the managing directors, the relations are of the most cordial and harmonious nature, a fact which to a large extent accounts for the continuous progress of the house. We may mention that in 1879 Messrs. Dwyer & Co. was converted into a Limited Liability Co., and in July of 1891 the concern was reconstituted with a capital of one hundred thousand pounds, the shares being considerably over-subscribed for. The Directorate of the Company is composed as follows:—James Dwyer, Esq. (chairman), Walter Dwyer, Esq., John Morrogh, Esq., M.P., Alderman Henry Dale, and Henry Barry, Esq. We cannot refrain from this opportunity of congratulating the shareholders of the Company on the able and upright board they have elected to administer the affairs of the establishment. Each member of the Directorate is endowed with sound business capacity, and, in the hands of such esteemed and influential gentlemen, the future well-being and ever-augmenting prosperity of Messrs. Dwyer & Co., LIMITED, may be viewed, we think, as a foregone conclusion.

## PETER DEE &amp; SONS, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers,

65, George Street, Cork.

ONE of the most notable among the many large business houses which so greatly contribute to the commercial importance of the City of Cork is the cabinet and upholstery emporium of Messrs. PETER DEE AND SONS, of 65, George Street. This important concern dates back over a period of half a century, the mercantile foundations of the business having been laid by the late Mr. Peter Dee, whose widow still holds a proprietary interest in the concern in conjunction with Mr. Charles Dee, the managing partner. The building occupied has a spacious frontage of 70 feet, while extending fully 100 feet in a rearward direction. There are four distinct floors, each one of which is stocked to repletion with the various wares for which the house has so long maintained its splendid reputation. The general showrooms and offices on the ground floor are elegantly appointed, and throughout the establishment there are abundant evidences that no expense has been spared to render the house in every respect worthy of the magnificent art treasures in furniture with which the fine premises are stored. The ground and first floors are admirably laid out and fitted up as "specimen rooms," exhibiting various styles of complete furnishing for different residential apartments. Here the firm are enabled to display their productions to the best advantage, and very elegant and attractive the goods are alike in design, workmanship, and finish. There is a notable originality about Messrs. PETER DEE AND SONS' manufactures of furniture, which will certainly commend itself to visitors to this establishment; and all the showrooms abound with genuine novelties and artistic specialties in cabinet work, upholstery, and the thousand and one items of woodwork and drapery that go to complete the tasteful furnishing of the modern house. A more extensive, varied, interesting, attractive, or complete stock of furniture, cabinets in *marqueterie* and other fashionable styles, carpets, curtains, beds, bedding, and other household equipments is not to be found in Cork or the South of Ireland, and the firm under notice deserve all the substantial success they are achieving as the reward of their enterprise in maintaining so perfect an emporium and placing before the residents of the district a range of choice in furniture and furnishings that could hardly be surpassed at even the largest

of metropolitan or continental establishments. Every item is new and fresh—except where antiquity is a special recommendation—and everything is sound in quality, faultless in finish, and artistic and elegant in style and taste; and there are goods both utilitarian and ornamental all offered at prices calculated to meet with every approval, for the firm have not lost sight of those considerations of practical and judicious economy which actuate the majority of buyers in the present age. Some of the richest and daintiest pieces of art furniture ever conceived by designer or completed by artizan is to be seen in Messrs. PETER DEE AND SONS' showrooms, and side by side with these we may find dining-room and library furniture of the most massive and substantial character, thoroughly national in its dignified solidity and sometimes in its material also, for the firm are noted for their splendid ebony and oak productions, which invariably are unsurpassed in design and execution. There is here wonderful work to be seen in inlaid tables, stands, and cabinets, for all of which the house is famous, its *forte* and specialty being in the making of art furniture of the highest class. Altogether Messrs. PETER DEE AND SONS have a stock and an establishment worthy of their large and superior business and eminently creditable to their enterprise and the trade they so ably represent. Obviously our limited space prevents adequate description of the rich and varied array of goods this house lays before its patrons. We can only advise a visit to the establishment in George Street, Cork, and an inspection of the veritable gems of art furniture there to be found.

The firm have splendid manufacturing facilities in their large and well-equipped workshops, and the numerous staff employed is composed of artizans thoroughly competent to undertake and execute the highest class of artistic work that comes within the scope of cabinet makers' and upholsterers' operations. The managing principal of this firm personally administers all the affairs, and directs the workings of a very extensive and superior trade in a manner which tends to the constant enhancement of the high reputation the firm enjoy. The house is widely celebrated throughout the South of Ireland, and no firm are more completely in possession of the highest industrial cognizance.

## JAMES HACKETT, Watchmaker, Jeweller, and Silversmith,

42, Patrick Street, Cork.

AMONGST the leading branches of industrial art may be justly included those in connection with the trade of the watchmaker, jeweller, and silversmith, which are so adequately represented in the City of Cork by the old-established house of Mr. JAMES HACKETT, 42, Patrick Street. This business was founded as far back as 1820 by Mr. James Hackett, grandfather of the present proprietor, the latter gentleman representing the third

generation of the family, and of the same name, who has held the control of the undertaking since the commencement. The premises at 42, Patrick Street, are situate in a commanding position in this the leading thoroughfare in the City, occupying a splendid corner site at the junction of Marlboro' Street, with extensive window frontage to each street. These facilities are admirably utilized for the very effective display of a magnificent exhibition of drawing-room and dining-



room clocks in marble, bronze, ormolu, and gilt; ladies' and gentlemen's gold and silver chronometers and watches; gold and gem jewellery in the newest and most artistic designs; and a glittering assortment of *bijouterie* and useful and ornamental articles suitable for presentation, etc. The interior is of spacious dimensions and is elegantly appointed throughout in mahogany, presenting a most *recherché* appearance, in appropriate keeping with the high-class tone of the establishment. Handsome show cases surrounding the shop are devoted to the display of a comprehensive selection of beautifully designed silver and electroplate dinner, tea, and table equipages in Queen Anne and other patterns, and an immense variety of valuable goods similar to those in the window. At the rear of the shop is a large well-lighted workroom, in which are conducted the various operations in connection with the repairing department; experienced workmen being employed for this branch of the business, which includes the execution of repairs to chronometers, watches, clocks, and jewellery. The strictest attention is directed by the proprietor to this department, Mr. HACKETT giving the most careful personal supervision to every detail of the work, thus obviating the risks

involved in entrusting valuable articles in the hands of inexperienced watchmakers, by which many fine watches are destroyed or injured. It is worthy of note in connection with this subject that, in the earliest period of the history of the house, Mr. Hackett, the founder, employed no fewer than thirty hands in stone cutting and the manufacture of gold and silver jewellery. Since, however, improved means of inter-communication with England have been opened up, these industries have to a great extent ceased, and the operative departments are now confined to the general repairing above-mentioned. An extensive and essentially high-class *clientèle* has long been associated with the establishment, which enjoys the substantial patronage of the *élite* of the county and City families and resident gentry throughout the South of Ireland. The business is ably organized in each department under the direction of the principal, whose unobtrusive courtesy and unremitting attention to the requirements of his numerous clients have gained for Mr. HACKETT a wide measure of well-merited popularity with all classes of his fellow citizens, and an assured continuance of the prosperity for so many generations past enjoyed by this time-honoured commercial undertaking.

### JAMES CLERY & CO.,

Wholesale Wine Merchants and Tea Importers, Cork.

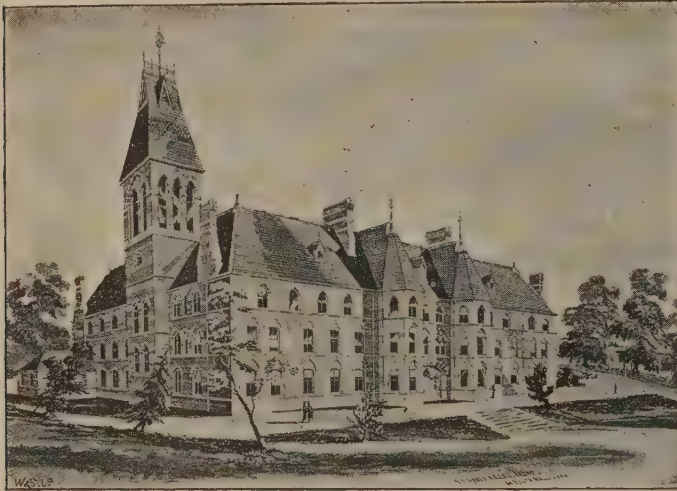
THIS important business dates its history from the beginning of the century, when it was founded by the ancestor of the present sole proprietor, John Walsh Clery, Esq. The business has steadily advanced from the first, and has long maintained a position of prominence—(we had almost ventured to say pre-eminence)—among the leading concerns of the district. The spacious premises of the firm are situate at the junction of Maylor Street and Caroline Street and comprise three extensive inter-communicating buildings, each three storeys high, and affording every accommodation for the effective warehousing of an immensely valuable stock. At Union Quay also MESSRS. JAMES CLERY AND Co. have extensive bonded stores, wherein are guarded very large quantities of wines, spirits, and teas—the products of the best markets in the world. Every facility exists at the firm's warehouse for the blending of teas, of which immense stocks are held. Messrs. JAMES CLERY AND Co. are in an exceptionally favourable position to secure in the Indian, China, and Ceylon tea markets the choicest selections both in the whole and broken leaf, and the high quality the firm offers in this department has long been recognised throughout the tea trade. The wines include the choicest vintages in sherry—pale, amber, or brown; ports—fresh bottled or crusted; clarets of various growths, from the *vin ordinaire* to the rarest chateaux vintages; champagnes, as well as the red wines of France, Marsala, Madeira, Malaga, etc., etc. The choicest British, Irish, and foreign spirits are also held in large quantities, and it is

the characteristic of every variety to be perfectly free from deleterious matters which are frequently met with in inferior distillations and blends. The whiskies are well matured, have a fine aroma, and, in short, possess all the features peculiar to the genuine productions of renowned and high-class Irish and Scotch stills. In every instance the highest possible standard of quality is maintained, and Messrs. JAMES CLERY AND Co. are always in a position to supply their customers with choice parcels from the best shipments at thoroughly favourable prices. The firm, in addition to the large supplies held in their bonded and duty-paid warehouses in Cork, have also in London extensive stocks, from which orders can be despatched to their customers in all parts of the kingdom, and the trade carried on may be fairly pronounced as wide in its reach and influence.

Mr. John W. Clery, the esteemed proprietor of the business, is a gentleman well known throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom. He is a Justice of the Peace for Cork, and many years ago filled the office of High Sheriff, and in both capacities, as well as in the office of President of the Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, which he lately filled, he has gained the entire confidence and unfeigned esteem of his fellow members of a great and ever-developing municipality. He is a gentleman yet in the prime of life who has travelled much on the European Continent, but the charms and attractions of the high civilization to be found there do not lessen his attachment to his native land or of pleasure at returning to his own beautiful home in Ireland.

## E. &amp; P. O'FLYNN, Watercourse.

AMONGST the numerous establishments of various kinds on the Watercourse Road, the building shops of Messrs. E. AND P. O'FLYNN take a prominent place. The imposing front of limestone and red brick to the



carpenters' workshop adds considerably to the appearance of this fine building. The proprietors have been in business for more than a quarter of a century and during that time have erected many of the finest buildings of which Cork can boast. In a large concern close by, formerly the largest tannery in the City, is the timber yard, stone-cutter's workshops, smithy, stables, &c. Here also may be seen immense piles of timber of all kinds in process of drying.

About the year 1876 the "Cork Improved Dwellings' Company" was formed for the purpose of providing suitable dwellings for the working classes, and this firm was selected to build the first lot of 200 houses now known as the Hibernian and Rathmore Buildings, which cost about £24,000. The splendid pile of buildings on the Wellington Road known as St. Patrick's Hospital for Incurables, founded by the late Dr. Murphy, as well as the beautiful corridor connecting this building with St. Vincent's Orphanage, is the work of this firm. The Good Shepherd's Convent, Magdalen Asylum, and Industrial Schools, so prominently situate at Sunday's Well, were built by this firm, from the designs of G. C. Ashlin, Esq., of Dublin, for the late Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Bishop of Cork. These buildings are an ornament to the City and a credit to the builders. Messrs. O'FLYNN were also contractors for extensive additions to the Cork District Lunatic Asylum costing about £22,000. On completion, by a resolution of the Board of Governors their thanks were conveyed to the builders for the excellent manner in which the work was executed.

The new Presbytery at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, as also opening up the space in front and enclosing the Church grounds by handsome piers, gates, and railings, besides the new Baptistery recently erected, is another work of this firm. From the Church grounds, as indeed from almost any part of the City, and especially as you enter it by the G. S. and W. R. Railway, can be seen the new Diocesan College at Farran Ferris. This remarkably fine building, which is thoroughly complete in every respect, was built from the designs, and under the superintendence, of S. F. Hynes, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., at a cost of about £17,000, and was the crowning work of the late beloved Bishop of the Diocese. The same builders and architect erected the handsome and commodious Christian Brothers' College, St. Patrick's Place, and the western front to St. Vincent's Church, Sunday's Well. Some of the most recent works of this firm are new malt houses, ice-machine house, and barrel-washing sheds for Messrs. J. J. Murphy and Co., brewers. At Montenotte may be seen the Home for the Aged, under the care of the

Little Sisters of the Poor. This magnificent three-storey building, as well as the handsome Chapel, laundry, and farmyards, was built for the Sisters at a cost of £20,000.

Messrs. O'FLYNN have a large amount of work on hand at present, amongst which are an addition to stores and new barley kiln for Lady's Well Brewery; rebuilding the offices and stores at Merchant's Quay for Messrs. A. Guinness and Co., of Dublin; additions to North Presentation Convent; three fine dwelling houses at Western Road; Turkish Baths, South Mall, for the Cork Turkish Baths Co., Ltd.; additions to St. Raphael's Asylum for the Blind, Montenotte; and have just been declared contractors for the new memorial "Gibbings' Ward," North Infirmary, for £12,500.

At the last annual meeting of the Cork Builders' Association, Mr. E. O'Flynn, head of the firm, was



unanimously elected president for the present year, in succession to E. Fitzgerald, Esq., ex-High Sheriff, who so worthily filled the office for the past year.



## ALEXANDER GRANT &amp; CO.,

Silk Mercers, Drapers, Milliners, and Mantle Makers; Carpet and General Furnishing

Warehousemen; 52, 53, 54, Patrick Street; and 17 and 18, Grand Parade, Cork.

IN reviewing the annals of commercial progress in the South of Ireland, there are few more striking examples of conspicuous and successful enterprise than that recorded in connection with the eminent house of Messrs. ALEXANDER GRANT & Co., whose great undertaking in Patrick Street supplies a landmark in the era of mercantile advancement in the City of Cork. This business was inaugurated upwards of half a century ago under the auspices of Sir John Arnott, who was the pioneer in Ireland of what is designated the "Monster Warehouse" system of trading, a system which has undoubtedly afforded a powerful impetus to mercantile activity in every direction, and has proved of incalculable benefit to every section of the purchasing public. After some years' trial of this successful experiment, Sir John Arnott was joined by Mr. Alexander Grant, the title being then altered to Arnott & Co., with Sir John as the managing director. In the course of time the senior partner retired from the firm, and the sole proprietorship became vested in Mr. Grant, who subsequently amalgamated with the firms of Messrs. Lyons, warehousemen, and the Queen's Old Castle Company, under the style of T. Lyons & Co., Limited, the Board of Directors including:—Archd. P. B. Grant, Esq., Chairman; William Thos. Barrett, Esq.; Thos. Hayes, Esq.; M. D. Daly, Esq., J.P.; Francis Lyon, Esq.; John Kelleher, Esq., Managing Director; and Mr. Thos. Mulcahy, Secretary.

The Patrick Street establishment is a handsome and commodious building of four stories, with an attractive window frontage of 65 feet in extent displaying with effective advantage a tastefully-arranged assortment of high-class goods in the various departments. The interior of the establishment is of spacious proportions and elegantly appointed throughout, the fittings being in modern style appropriately in keeping with the high-class character of the trade, and the general arrangements indicating the attention devoted to the convenience and comfort of visitors.

In the boot and shoe department is shown a splendid stock of high-class ladies', gentlemen's, and juvenile wear in all the latest London and continental styles, and of the most superior quality of make and finish; fitting-on rooms being provided for ladies, and attentive assistants engaged to wait upon the requirements of visitors.

The millinery and mantle showrooms are beautifully furnished apartments, richly carpeted, and embellished with mirrors and other attractive appointments. Here may be inspected a special show of fashions and novelties selected by the firm's own buyers from the Parisian and other markets: the latest fashions in millinery and bonnets, produced from the most stylish

Paris models; feathers and flowers, dolmans, jackets, mantles, "four-in-hands," and costumes in choice variety of new designs in satin, cashmere, foulè, and French beige cloths, cashmeres, &c.

The large drapery warehouse contains an endless assortment of silks, velvets, dresses, pompadours, lace, feathers, flowers, ties, scarves, ribbons, trimmings, hosiery, gloves, &c., in great variety and in all the newest patterns and styles. This department is located in a lofty saloon with beautifully arched roof, well lighted and handsomely appointed in every detail, providing every convenience for the immense stock requisite to keep pace with the demands of this branch of the trade. Adjoining this department is the counting house and the manager's private room, this portion of the building extending a total depth of 150 feet. The packing and despatch departments are of commodious dimensions and are fitted with the necessary hoists: and on the upper floors are the workrooms, in which a numerous staff of experienced modistes and hands are employed in making up millinery, mantles, &c.

On the ground floor of the Grand Parade portion of the establishment is the fine furniture showroom, having a wide frontage to that thoroughfare and containing a magnificent selection of high-class dining-room, drawing-room, and bedroom suites, Chippendale and art furniture, and a vast assemblage of decorative materials and art furnishings, tapestries, curtains, carpets, and other goods of a similar character in infinite variety.

Next door to the furniture warehouse another fine shop provides accommodation for the display of a wide selection of gentlemen's and youths' ready-made clothing of the most fashionable materials, cut, style, and workmanship, and a varied assortment of hats and caps in all the fashionable shapes; woollens, tweeds, and other cloths of the highest quality.

The various departments of the business are conducted with marked efficiency and ability, a numerous staff of courteous assistants being retained in order to ensure promptitude in the execution of visitors' orders, who, under no circumstances, are importuned to purchase, the superior standard of exceptional quality maintained at this establishment rendering totally unnecessary the aid of puffing or pushing, in order to secure sales. The business throughout is of immense volume, the annual turnover amounting to an enormous total, and under the *régime* of its spirited and enterprising proprietors, ably seconded by the indefatigable exertions of their capable manager, Mr. Moynihem, this undertaking gives every indication of having entered upon an era of substantial and enduring prosperity well worthy of the best traditions of the commercial history of the City.

**MICHAEL MORRIS, Steamship Owner and Coal Importer,**  
**Lapp's Quay, Cork. Offices:—95, South Mall. Also at Fiddown and Tipperary.**

BEING a steamship owner, Mr. M. MORRIS carries on his business in a very advantageous manner as compared with many other firms engaged in this business; and, by reason of his importing all his coal direct, he is enabled to supply this useful product in better quality and at less cost than an ordinary coal merchant. The business has only recently been established—some six months ago; in that short time, however, Mr. MORRIS has furnished ample proof that he is endowed with business qualities of a high order, and his enterprising zeal and indefatigable perseverance have already borne good fruit by forming the nucleus of what has every appearance of developing into a very large and valuable connection.

The business premises consist of a spacious building on Lapp's Quay admirably adapted for landing and other requirements of the business, and including a range of stores which furnish accommodation for a reserve stock of over 3,000 tons of coal.

The whole stock is imported in steamships belonging to the firm, chiefly from the Newport district; the general supply, however, ranging over the following varieties:—Newport Red Ash, Cardiff Red Ash (two remarkably good burning coals, lasting well and giving out great heat), Range, Welsh Steam, Scotch, and Slack.

Mr. MORRIS does a very extensive trade amongst the shipping, and is also rapidly extending his general business throughout the City and district in all directions. The stores are fitted with every appliance conducive to convenience and the smart and prompt dispatch of all orders, and the system and order displayed in the management are deserving of especial mention, the praiseworthy efforts in this direction being admirable and perfect to a degree. Mr. MORRIS is well known throughout the district, and we have no hesitation in saying that, as time goes on, the already substantial trade done by the house will be doubled time and again.

## SCANLAN & SONS,

**Auctioneers, Estate, House, and Insurance Agents,**

**69, South Mall, Cork.**

In an important industrial and commercial centre like the City of Cork, one of the most useful and important businesses is that of auctioneering, estate, house, and insurance agency. One of the oldest and most influential firms, and one that has done much for the advancement of this profession, is that of Messrs. SCANLAN AND SONS, which dates back in its foundations to the year 1863, when it was established under the style of Messrs. MacCarthy and Scanlan, taking its present designation some two years ago. The firm is well and honourably known in all parts of the South of Ireland. The premises occupied in South Mall are commodious, and equipped with every facility and convenience for the transaction of business. As auctioneers, Messrs. SCANLAN AND SONS enjoy a widespread reputation, having a great and varied experience in the disposal of all kinds of real property in houses, lands, estates, works of art, furniture, merchandise, farming and agricultural stock, implements, etc. The members of the firm are most energetic in the interests of their clients. In the management of estates—always a most difficult branch of the business—these gentlemen have been eminently successful, and to their credit be it known that more than one hitherto neglected property has been realized at a fair value, in some instances when all other means of disposal had proved futile. The firm are also extensive house agents, publishing a periodical Register which contains an admirable list of properties and houses to be let furnished and unfurnished. The Agency is well recognised as the principal

medium in Cork for the buying, letting, or selling of houses and the transaction of all business in connection with the purchase of land and other property. An extensive business is also carried on by the firm in valuating for probate, transfer, mortgage, and other purposes; in the proper adjustment of claims for railway and other extensions, dilapidations, etc., etc. In the collection of rents it deserves to be mentioned that Messrs. SCANLAN AND SONS observe the strictest punctuality towards their clients, invariably rendering accounts and transmitting balances with a punctuality almost rivalling the dispatch of bank dividends. As insurance agents, the firm represent the Liverpool and London and Globe Fire and Life Insurance Company, admittedly one of the strongest and wealthiest in the world; the National Guarantee and Suretyship Association, Limited, a fine and reliable Edinburgh office; the Hibernian Plate-glass Insurance Company, Limited, the oldest Irish office transacting business in this department of risk; the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited; and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Accident Insurance Company. Messrs. SCANLAN AND SONS employ an efficient staff of clerks and assistants, and the organisation of their business is all that could be desired. The individual members of this well-known house are thoroughly practical in every detail of an intricate and responsible profession. They are well esteemed throughout both the commercial and social circles of the city and county of Cork, and the very splendid success they are achieving is both substantial and well deserved.



**BIBLE BROTHERS, Merchants and Manufacturers of Wall-papers and Decorators'  
and Artists' Requisites, Pope's Quay, Cork.**

We live in an age of continuous advancement and are ever engaged in an onward and upward movement, the level of which, at the present day, is astonishingly far ahead of that to which it had attained half-a-century ago. During the Victorian era there are few things—social, educational, industrial, or artistic—which have not experienced the touch of improvement in some notable degree, and in nothing perhaps has that touch been more pleasingly felt than in the decoration of our homes. This is a matter in which science, art, and industry have vied with each other to encourage good taste and produce the happiest results; and the effect of it all has been to raise the average British and Irish home to a level of interior beauty and elegance unknown to the great majority at the beginning of the present reign. With increased beauty has come a consequent increase of comfort, and at the present day it is possible for persons of the most highly cultivated tastes and artistic inclinations to view the interior of quite ordinary residences with feelings very different from those which would have been aroused by the sight of the tawdry, tasteless, and utterly inharmonious decorations of a similar house of fifty years ago. Somebody must be warmly and unreservedly thanked for effecting this change, and surely the public debt of gratitude is very largely due to those able and progressive representatives of the decorative trades who have done so much by the aid of art and invention to raise the whole tone and standard of household ornamentation. Among such business houses there are few of greater prominence than the well-known firm of Messrs. BIBLE BROS., of Cork. This old and notable house had its origin at the dawn of that era of advancement which practically commenced when Queen Victoria ascended the throne. Mr. Henry Bible was the founder of the business, and at his death, which occurred in 1866, the concern passed into the hands of his two sons, Messrs. William H. and G. F. E. Bible, by whom the organization is still most energetically conducted. The establishment is certainly one of the most extensive and interesting emporiums of decorative material to be met with in the United Kingdom. The premises may very justly be described as of vast extent, and nothing could surpass the excellence and completeness of the appointments and arrangements throughout. Messrs. BIBLE BROS.' trade has attained proportions of remarkable magnitude, and its operations involve the manufacture of wall-papers and the supplying of decorators and dealers with all requisites in the shape of paints, colours, oils, etc., and more particularly with the rich variety of wall-papers and similar decorative productions which now contribute so largely to the general facilities existing for beautifying the homes of the people. In this latter department the firm has a host of specialities, among which the following are conspicuous:—"Lin crusta Walton" and the famous "Sunbury" wall decoration, which is prized throughout the civilized world. *Calcorion*, also, is kept, a new Cordovan leather wall decoration which undoubtedly has a great future before it. It

revives the beauties of the almost forgotten art of decorating in leather, and is as rich and handsome a material as could be desired. Messrs. BIBLE BROS. also supply the *Glacier Window Decoration*, manufactured by Messrs. McCaw, Stevenson, & Orr, of Belfast. This material is too well known to need description, and as a substitute for stained glass it is unsurpassed in rich appearance, durability, and the ease with which it can be applied. The remaining specialities in Messrs. BIBLE BROS.' stock, apart from the decorative material of the firm's own manufacture, include every description of Japanese embossed, raised flock papers on gold and coloured grounds, lacquered metal and embossed leather papers, crystal damask and frosted gold papers, all kinds of dado and panel decorations, and a thousand and one other items, the very multitude of which baffles all description. The stock of wall-papers held by the firm is undoubtedly one of the largest, most varied, and most carefully selected to be met with anywhere; and it always represents the newest and best productions of those ever-busy manufacturers and inventors whose whole energies and resources are engaged in the designing and production of novelties in this artistic branch of trade. Another important department of the firm's industrial activity consists in the manufacture and fitting of picture frames, every kind of gilt smouldering being kept in stock and all the requirement of the carver, gilder, and looking-glass manufacturer. Among the more important of the firm's agencies may be mentioned that for Church's Alabastine, a sanitary and permanent crystalline wall-coating, a fire-resisting, adhesive, porous cement invaluable for interior work in dwellings, hospitals, asylums, factories, barns, warehouses, outhouses, etc. "Alabastine" has been very justly described as "the perfectly sanitary wall-covering of the future," and indeed its claims are so obvious and positive that, when once introduced, it entirely supersedes every kind of ordinary distemper now in use. Messrs. BIBLE BROS.' emporium is also the centre in Cork at which may be obtained Pulford's magnetic paints, which, for a period of a quarter of a century, have been used by Her Majesty's Naval and Public Works Departments. These paints contain pure iron, and, when applied to walls, form a thin coating or sheet of iron thoroughly impervious to moisture of any kind. In closing a more than usually interesting and extended review of a leading industrial enterprise, we must not omit to mention a fact universally recognized throughout the City of Cork, namely, that the BROTHERS BIBLE enjoy the esteem and confidence not merely of their large staff of workpeople, but of a vast *clientèle* in all parts of the empire, as well as of the general community of the Province of Munster. Both gentlemen combine to administer all the affairs of the house in a manner fully consistent with its high position and repute as the leading concern of its kind in the South of Ireland; and, by a policy at once just and generous, a trading connection has been established the value and significance of which can hardly be overestimated.

**ROBERT SCOTT & CO., LIMITED, Wholesale Iron, Metal, and Hardware Merchants  
and Manufacturers; and Builders' and House Furnishing Ironmongers;  
St. Patrick's Quay, Cork.**

THIS notable undertaking supplies a striking example of the commercial enterprise of the business men of Cork, and, as one of the oldest leading houses engaged in this important industry, Messrs. ROBERT SCOTT AND CO., LIMITED, are fully entitled to honourable mention in these records of the mercantile progress of the South of Ireland. The history of the firm's connection with the trade dates back to 1822, when the business was first established by Mr. Beale, who was subsequently joined in co-partnership by Mr. Robert Scott, trading under the style of Beale, Scott, and Co., which was afterwards altered to Robert Scott and Co., and was continued in that form until twelve months ago, when it was reconstructed as a Limited Liability Company consisting of Mr. J. T. Budd as Managing Director.

Directors—Robt. Day, J.P., Cork (Chairman); J. T. Budd, Queens-town; Robt. McCowen, J.P., Tralee; F. H. Keane, Cappoquin. Secretary, W. G. Williams. Manager, Geo. Cole. Superintendent of Retail Department, Abram B. Scott. Messrs. Scott's premises are centrally situated at 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, St. Patrick's Quay, and 25, King Street, and comprise commanding block of two and three-storied buildings of red brick,

having a total frontage to the street of 100ft. and extending back to King Street in the rear, in which thoroughfare the firm has recently completed a fine new establishment, which was opened in March of the present year. It would be impossible within the limits of our space to afford an adequate enumeration in detail of the vast and comprehensive stock submitted for inspection in the warehouses and showrooms of the firm, and it must therefore suffice to outline the heads of the various departments. These include the builders' department, in which will be found marble and metal mantelpieces, tiled and special grates and stoves, tiled hearths, kitchen and cooking ranges and stoves, stable fittings, locks, and every description of requisites for the trade. The furnishing department contains a splendid assortment of table cutlery, electroplate, fireproof safes, weights and scales, bedsteads and mattresses, lamps and kitchen furniture, brushes and turnery, fenders, fireirons, and brasses; copper, brass, and tin goods; tea

trays; and a great variety of household and domestic requirements. This branch of the business is under the constant personal supervision of Mr. George Cole, the manager, whose long experience in Birmingham and Dublin affords an efficient guarantee for superior judgment in the selection of the class of goods most suitable for the Irish markets. Messrs. SCOTT are also extensively engaged in the manufacture of spades, shovels, plough socks, and general scrap work, and, having large iron works at Monard and Coolowen, are enabled to supply the highest qualities of spades, shovels, and sock plates at the lowest current quotations. Messrs. SCOTT deservedly enjoy a very high reputation for the uniform standard of quality which has always been the dominating characteristic of their productions, and which

gained for the firm the Highest Award at the Cork Exhibition of 1883 for a splendid display of spades and shovels manufactured by them. Messrs. SCOTT are also importers on an extensive scale of goods from Sweden, Germany, United States, Belgium, Italy, and Canada, enabling them to offer exceptional advantages to buyers who can take original packages. Special attention is directed to the parcel office and

despatch department, all goods ordered by post being promptly forwarded without delay; and, in connection with this branch of the business, we may mention for the information of our readers that the firm are connected with the telephone exchange (No. 125) and that their telegraphic address is "Budd, Cork." An enormous volume of trade is controlled in the various departments of the business—in which a numerous staff of assistants is engaged—the whole arrangements of the management in the able hands of the principal, Mr. Budd, evidencing the determination of the Company to maintain the supremacy the house has so long enjoyed in the commercial world.

We understand that the firm have just been appointed *sole* agents in the South of Ireland for the "Consolidated Telephone Construction and Maintenance Company, Limited, of London." This department is managed by Mr. A. B. Scott and Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Walsh is the Electrician.





**C. J. DANCKERT & CO., Wine Merchants, Cork.**

IN none of the great commercial centres of the United Kingdom will be found so large a number of old-established business houses as in the City of Cork, where it is quite an exceptional circumstance to meet with firms of recent establishment, and where many of the leading houses date back a century or more years and afford the most convincing evidence of the stability and soundness of the trade of the district. In connection with this feature of the prosperity of the City we have pleasure in presenting to our readers' notice this brief *resumé* of the commercial history of the well-known house of Messrs. C. J. DANCKERT AND CO., the eminent wine and spirit merchants, whose extensive business operations fully merit prominence in these pages. The firm was originally established upwards of a century ago. The late C. J. Danckert, Esq., continued the trade for many years, and the business is now being managed by Mr. John A. Danckert and Mr. Christian J. Danckert. The premises occupied by the firm are commodiously adapted to the requirements of the trade, comprising one large flat (including office and storage accommodation), with extensive cellarage in the basement. The firm also occupies spacious warehouse and stores adjoining, the whole providing every convenience

for the large and comprehensive stock held by the proprietors. This includes sherries of the purest qualities and of all the best shipping houses, comprising Montilla, Amontillado, Manzanilla, Vino de Pasto, and other rare wines; Ports (amongst which will be found Sandeman's, Feuerheerd's, Cockburn's, &c.); Marsala, Madeira, Hungarian wines, Malagas, and Clarets of the finest vintages; Sauternes and Champagnes in all the popular brands; Hocks and Moselles; and every variety of foreign and British liqueurs and cordials. The spirit department contains the finest old brandies, rum, gin, and special qualities of the leading makes of old Irish whiskies. An extensive wholesale and family trade has been established by the firm, which embraces the leading gentry resident in the South of Ireland and the principal hotels and wines and spirit stores in the district. The services of an adequate staff of clerks, travellers, warehousemen, &c., are employed in the business under the personal direction of the principals, whose thoroughly practical experience of every branch of the trade, sound judgment, and taste afford an ample guarantee for the maintenance of the time-honoured reputation of a uniform standard of high-class quality in all goods supplied from this old-established and deservedly prosperous business house.

**SAMUEL HILL, Builder and Contractor, Cork.**

ESTABLISHED by its present proprietor something like twenty years ago, this important building and contracting business has assumed in the interval proportions of the greatest magnitude. The premises occupied by Mr. HILL are very extensive and commodious, and now comprise spacious yards, together with large workshops replete with joiners', bricklayers', and plasterers' goods and appliances, and all that goes to make a complete builder's plant—a well-appointed and every possible convenience for the effective conduct of the extensive business operations. A very large and efficient staff of the most skilled and experienced hands is constantly employed in the execution of Mr. HILL's vast building contracts in all parts of the county. Mr. HILL is largely engaged in every department of the trade, and stands in an unrivalled position to execute the largest orders on the shortest notice. Sanitary science, too, receives at the hands of this gentleman a great amount of attention. Recognising early in his business career the need of sanitation as a means to the popular welfare, Mr. HILL devoted a considerable amount of time and energy to the study, and with the highest results, he being universally recognised as a specialist in practical knowledge upon house drainage, ventilation of buildings, and general sanitation. Mr. HILL's trade is of a widespread, influential, and steadily growing character, and extends to all parts of the South of Ireland, the business in each department receiving the direct personal attention and supervision of its pro-

prietor. Among the notable public, private, and mercantile institutions that owe their structural existence to Mr. HILL and his workmen may be mentioned the Protestant Home for Incurables, Cork; the fine Union Quay R.I.C. Barracks; new Provincial Bank Buildings, Tipperary; ornamentally-built Corkbeg Church, diocese of Cloyne; new Mills, Kenmare, Co. Kerry; Cork Schools of Science and Art, Nelson Place; Warehouses of Messrs. Dobbie and Ogilvie, of King Street, Cork; Messrs. Lunham's Bacon-Curing Factory, Cork; Messrs. Barnes' Bacon-Curing Factory, Waterford; large additions to Killarney Lunatic Asylum; additions and alterations to Eccles Hotel, Glengariff; new mansion at Castletownsend, Co. Cork, in course of erection; the tower and spire and additions to Douglas Church, Cork; Gresham Insurance Buildings, South Mall, Cork; additions and alterations to Imperial Hotel, Cork; the new Munster and Leinster Bank in Maryborough and the new station buildings of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, at present in course of erection; the extension of the Lunatic Asylum buildings at Cork, now nearly completed; a very large number of dwelling houses; and many other important and valuable contracts. It is no exaggeration of praise to say of Mr. HILL that he is in every respect a most meritorious and honourable business man, and to this fact may be attributed the esteemed position which he holds and the successful status he occupies among the great business circles of the district.

## JOHN PERRY &amp; SONS, Furnishing and General Ironmongers,

89, Patrick Street; 13 to 17, Academy Street; and French Church Street, Cork.

IN connection with the various branches of the ironmongery trade a leading position in the South of Ireland is held by the old and well-known house of Messrs. JOHN PERRY & SONS, of Patrick Street, Cork. This thoroughly representative concern was founded as far back as the year 1840 by Mr. John Perry, whose two sons, Messrs. Stephen and John Perry, now control the business as sole surviving partners. Ever since its inception the development of the business has been signally marked, for Messrs. PERRY have ever adopted and pursued an enterprising administrative policy, which has brought their house into the highest public favour and confidence. The premises occupied by the firm are situate at the corner of Patrick Street and French Church Street, extending in a rearward direction as far as Academy Street, where there is a suitable wholesale goods entrance. The interior of the establishment is very effectively appointed throughout and contains a magnificent stock of general and furnishing ironmongery, lamps, and many other high-class wares of a like nature. The stock is admirably arranged, and for comprehensiveness and general excellence has certainly no superior in Ireland. Everything is embraced that can properly be comprised in an ironmongery emporium, and some idea of the comprehensive resources of the firm may be gathered from the fact that an illustrated catalogue of a hundred pages is required to give a satisfactory summary of the kinds of goods dealt in and the prices charged for the same. A glance through this list will soon show that Messrs. JOHN PERRY & SONS, who supply only the most reliable articles, have developed a scale of prices quite as advantageous to their customers as that of any other concern in the United Kingdom. They sell their goods as cheaply as any of the great co-operative stores—even *more* cheaply in some cases—and, as they buy largely for cash from the actual manufacturers in cases where they do not themselves manufacture, it stands to reason that they can offer inducements to buyers unsurpassed by any of their contemporaries and unequalled by those who are not in a position to make immense purchases. In comparing Messrs. JOHN PERRY & SONS' Price List with others, it is noteworthy that all the quotations include delivery in Cork and district, however small the order. From this it is obvious that, if these prices are the same as those of a London or Dublin store, there is a manifest advantage in trading at home. In many other respects Messrs. JOHN PERRY & SONS have proved to the public of the South of Ireland that they will best consult their own interests by supporting local industry, and not wandering off to London or any other place in search of economical advantages which they are unlikely to obtain. The firm under notice are fully prepared to

meet all fair and honourable competition, and they spare no effort to supply all patrons with the newest and very best quality of goods at the lowest prices consistent with commercial security. Nothing of an inferior nature finds a place in the stock, and as we walk through this admirably organised and extensive establishment we are greatly impressed by the immense variety, the novelty, and the manifest excellence of the goods shown in the leading departments. Briefly enumerated, these departments are as follows:—Agricultural implements and machinery, baths and toilet cans, bedsteads and bedding, birdcages, brushes, churns, dairy utensils, cutlery, door furniture, electroplated goods (a magnificent display), fenders and fire-irons, garden tools, garden seats, gas stoves, lamps and lanterns, lawnmowers, locks, mantelpieces, nails, stoves, hollow ware in general, scales and weights, stoves and ranges, tile hearths, tools, travelling trunks, washing and wringing machines, wire netting and fencing, and a great many other articles which are in constant use and demand. Rarely is such a varied and exhaustive stock found within the walls of one establishment, and seldom do the goods display such an unbroken uniformity of excellence in quality, design, and manufacture. The best of everything is here, and all the foremost manufacturers of iron wares and metal goods in general are fully represented by their most creditable productions. It would be invidious to point out for special mention any particular section of such a completely meritorious stock. Householders and housewives who seek here for good articles of furnishing ironmongery and hardware will assuredly not be disappointed. Builders are largely catered for in the several departments. The house holds several prize medals and other tokens of merit, among them the Dublin International Exhibition Medal (gold), awarded for iron and brass work, and no fewer than three medals and an honourable mention at the Cork Exhibition, 1883, for exhibits in hardware, cutlery, iron and brass work, and lamps. The establishment is one of which Cork *ought* to be, and doubtless *is*, proud. It is the headquarters of an exceedingly large and briskly conducted wholesale and retail trade, the connections of which extend over a wide area of country, and it reflects credit upon the City as well as upon its proprietors, whose enterprise and energy have brought it to its present prosperous condition and high repute. Retail ironmongers and general shopkeepers, as well as the great body of the public, are among Messrs. JOHN PERRY & SONS' regular customers, and the firm's name is well known and thoroughly respected not only in every part of modern Hibernia, but also in the leading commercial circles and centres of the Sister Kingdoms north and south of the Tweed.



**THOMAS R. LESTER, Pharmaceutical and Dispensing Chemist,  
106 and 107, Patrick Street, Cork.**

THE establishment indicated at the head of this necessarily brief industrial sketch is unquestionably the largest and most handsome medicine and drug emporium in Cork. Occupying a very commanding position in Patrick Street, its external aspect is considerably enhanced by its extensive plate-glass frontage. The entire establishment is fitted and arranged in the highest degree of taste, and constitutes one of the most elegantly appointed among the pharmaceutical houses of the kingdom. The *tout ensemble* of the establishment affords a striking evidence of the liberality with which it has been adopted, after four distinct enlargements, to the requirements of a high-class trade, and of the disregard for expense with which it has been duly invested with all the characteristics of dignity and impressiveness. The elements of artistic taste and decoration are observable in every detail of an elaborate appointment and equipment. The fittings are entirely constructed of the choicest woods, the counters being specially ornate in design. The many glass mirrors and show cases are neatly disposed throughout the establishment, and they impart a tone of great brilliancy and effectiveness. The premises numbered 106, Patrick Street, form the centre of a very large dispensing business, and by the employment of a large staff of experienced and qualified assistants, acting under the direct personal supervision of the proprietor, the operations of this responsible department are carried out with all the precision, dispatch, and accuracy of the most eminent British and Continental Pharmacies.

While this house is replete with assortments of all drugs, as well as toilet and proprietary articles that find representation in the supplies of a leading drug emporium, great attention is devoted to several specialties with which Mr. LESTER'S name is widely identified, and which are confidently placed before the public with all the

guarantee of long-established merit and general acceptance. As an evidence of the proprietor's pre-eminence in this department of chemical and pharmaceutical enterprise, it may be mentioned that, at the Cork Exhibition held in 1883, Mr. T. R. LESTER'S exhibit of pure drugs and chemicals was awarded honourable mention, and at the same time elicited a warm commendation from W. K. Sullivan, Esq., Doctor of Science, the awarding juror of that department.

In addition to carrying on the business of a high-class Pharmacy, Mr. LESTER has met a long-felt want in the City by placing within the reach of the medical profession and invalids a very large stock of surgical instruments and appliances and every requisite of the sick room, including belts, bandages of every description, air cushions, dressings, lint, gauzes, arm slings, electro-medical and galvanic batteries, chest braces and expanders, conversation tubes, crutches, elastic bandages, stockings, etc., ice bags and caps, inhalers, invalid apparatus, surgical knives and lancets, laryngeal lamps, plaisters, respirators, riding belts, sanitary sheets, spinal corsets and supports, splints of every description, syringes, thermometers, trusses, water beds, cushions, etc., etc. Any special requirement either in the dispensing, toilet, patent medicine, or surgical appliance department will, when out of stock, be procured at a few hours' notice, special arrangements having been made with the most noted London drug and apparatus firms for daily transmission of parcels when required. Mr. LESTER'S business experience, together with the scale of moderation on which all his charges are based, have tended to increase and develop the favour of a large and growing community, and, among the valuable family connection he enjoys, his courtesy, attentiveness, and consideration have elicited that confidence upon which the prosperity of his house is so permanently and satisfactorily established.

**ANDREW JOHNSON,**

**Carriage Builder, 20 and 21, Kyril's Quay, Cork.**

AN important branch of productive industry is represented in this City by the representative establishment of Mr. ANDREW JOHNSON, the well-known Carriage Builder, which will certainly repay a visit of inspection by our readers. The business was commenced seven years ago by Mr. JOHNSON, who occupies for this purpose a spacious manufactory situate at 20 and 21, Kyril's Quay, the premises comprising large showroom on the ground floor having a frontage of 40 feet and extending 120 feet to the rear. This portion of the building is utilised for a display of the high-class vehicles manufactured by Mr. JOHNSON, which include elegantly designed broughams, phaetons, dog carts, and other carriages of the highest quality of well-seasoned material and finished workmanship, in every respect worthy of the high reputation of the proprietor. In the rear of the showroom are the smithy and wheelers' and

painter's shops, fully provided with the necessary plant and appliances for carrying out these operations; and on the upper floor is situated the body-making and trimming departments. Special attention is directed by the proprietor to painting and repairing vehicles of all kinds, orders for this class of work receiving the promptest attention on the most strictly moderate terms. An extensive and influential connection has been established by Mr. JOHNSON, who numbers among his patrons many of the leading nobility, gentry, and commercial houses in the City and throughout the South of Ireland. The services of about thirty skilled hands are employed in the works under the directing control of the proprietor, whose unrelenting attention to the requirements of his patrons has secured for this establishment a substantial and ever-increasing measure of public confidence and support.

## TIMOTHY HEGARTY &amp; SON, Paper Manufacturers, Butlerstown Paper Mills.

Offices—3, 4, 5, 21, and 22, Bowling Green Street, Cork.

THERE are few Irish industries which have experienced more satisfactory development during the past quarter of a century than the manufacture of paper, and, in connection with the progress and steady advancement of this important branch of productive enterprise, the house named at the head of this sketch has always maintained a prominent and creditable position. The business under review was established some forty years ago by the late Mr. Timothy Hegarty. In 1879 the present style of the firm was adopted by Denis Hegarty, only son of the late T. Hegarty, under the style of TIMOTHY HEGARTY AND SON. The latter gentleman is now sole proprietor, and it is gratifying to note the fact that in his hands all the best traditions of the house are maintained in unabated *prestige*. The mills at Butlerstown are very extensive and well appointed throughout, possessing every facility for the rapid and accurate execution of the largest orders. The Butlerstown paper mills are among the oldest and most extensive in the district. A considerable staff of skilled operatives is engaged, and work of a really excellent character is turned out here. The firm direct their energies exclu-

sively to the manufacture of papers technically known as "Browns," "Small Hands," sugar paper, &c. These classes of paper are naturally in great demand among drapers, grocers, &c., a ready market being thus secured for MESSRS. T. HEGARTY & SON's productions in the various trading localities of the kingdom. So well are the firm known that they have achieved a high position and an ever-spreading popularity. The connection maintained is very extensive and exceedingly valuable. The perfection of good order reigns supreme in every department, and MESSRS. TIMOTHY HEGARTY & SON, conducting their business under most conscientious principles, have made for themselves a high position in Hibernian commercial circles. The most improved machinery for the manufacture of paper has been from time to time erected, and with the most satisfactory results. Mr. Denis Hegarty, the present sole proprietor, is a gentleman well known in the mercantile circles of the kingdom and has always therein been received with that respect due to thorough business men. He has spared no effort to ensure a continuance of that universal support which for so long a period has attended the mercantile career of the house.

## JOHN GILBERT,

Optician to the Faculty and Eye Hospital, Print Seller, Frame Maker, Artists' Colourman  
and Illuminator, 120, Patrick Street, Cork.

THE representation of the artistic industries indicated at the head of this brief sketch has been successfully sustained in Cork by the operations of Mr. JOHN GILBERT, who commenced business in the City twenty years ago and is now proprietor of one of the most attractive of the various establishments that enhance the well-known Patrick Street thoroughfare. This elegant emporium of art fully embodies all the pleasing characteristics of a first-class picture saloon, being replete with everything calculated to attract the admiration of artists and picture fanciers. Paintings, photos, prints, and crisp etchings and engravings of the first order are all here exhibited in a style favourable to the due display of their genuine intrinsic merits, while the equipment of artists and all the materials that constitute the miscellany of an artist's colourman's sundries are here shown in a profusion that indicates Mr. GILBERT's readiness to provide promptly and well for every requirement of the trade. For novelty and variety the specialities shown in these lines are practically limitless, and the numerous selections of drawing materials tend to suggest the completeness with which the proprietor of this compact and well-arranged salon has anticipated the needs of the public in everything requisite for an artistic education. Necessarily one of the most important departments of the business is that of picture frame making, a branch of work which affords every scope for the exercise of Mr. GILBERT's well-known

artistic proficiency. As an artist and draughtsman of long experience Mr. GILBERT is frequently employed for the execution of illuminated addresses, an occupation in which he takes a laudable pride. He carries out this work with great taste and care, bestowing thereon due finish without indulging in any form of lavish elaboration, and evincing a correct knowledge of colouring and tone that can only be acquired by long practice and study in every phase of this specialistic art. Added to his many other qualifications is that of Optician to the Faculty and Eye Hospital. Mr. GILBERT's depôt is invariably recommended to sufferers from any of the numerous diseases to which the eye is subject by reason of the care with which eyeglasses and spectacles are provided to suit the sight, and in this branch of business he commands the confidence of one who has devoted years of intelligent study and consideration to every form of impaired vision. Practical sympathy is rendered to the pecuniary necessities of poor patients, and this fact has contributed to the respect and esteem in which Mr. GILBERT is held by all classes. It is not often that so many qualifications are combined in the conduct of one business as those of which Mr. GILBERT has shown himself possessed, and in this respect alone—apart from the commercial importance of this house—his operations must be reviewed in any work treating of the business interests of the "City of the Lee."



## J. McCARTHY &amp; SONS, Rectifying Distillers,

Whisky Shippers, Wine Merchants, and Wholesale Tea Importers, 34 and 35, Cook Street;  
and 12, Queen Street, Cork.

CERTAINLY in no single department of Ireland's commercial activity have more earnest efforts been put forth towards the attainment of a high standard of excellence of output and perfection of organisation than in connection with the wine and spirit trade and the blending and supplying of the world-renowned national drink—Irish whisky. In connection with these trades, as well as with the tea industry, a house of distinct national eminence is that of Messrs. J. McCARTHY AND SONS, of Cork, whose old-established business, founded about

Passing to a review of the business carried on by the firm, we may mention that more than one blend of whisky is associated with their name. These blends have won for the firm no fewer than eight prize medals, awarded at the leading exhibitions of recent years.

To begin with, there was the famous Cork Exhibition, 1883, at which the firm secured the first prize medal in face of the most severe competition. In 1884 another gold medal was awarded the firm at London, and a further gold medal at the London Exhibition of 1885.



half a century ago, holds an unsurpassed distinction wheresoever its productions are known.

It has been truly remarked that for many years the foreign trade in Irish whisky was left almost exclusively in the hands of Belfast blenders, in consequence of the sluggish character of the wholesale merchants in Dublin and the South. Exported Irish whisky during the past quarter of a century has been far from what it ought to be—that is to say, the premier alcoholic stimulant extant. To Messrs. J. McCARTHY AND SONS is due the praise of having removed in no small degree the stigma and discredit of supplying an inferior spirit; and in the several productions of this firm's establishment we find an uniformly high quality of Irish whisky which will certainly bear comparison with the products of any house in the trade.

In 1886 the fourth gold medal was awarded at the Edinburgh Exhibition, while in the following year two gold medals fell to them at the Adelaide Exhibition. In 1888 the Melbourne Exhibition jurors of award gave Messrs. J. McCARTHY AND SONS the first prize medal, thus proving that wheresoever the whiskies of the firm are known they are pronounced superior to all competitors. The whiskies of this house are not to be excelled for high quality and exceptional excellence, and all *connoisseurs* who know them pronounce them the most perfect types of Irish whisky in the market. The blends of the firm with which the whisky-drinking public are most familiar are the well-known "Clancarty" and the "Irish Potheen" blends. These two blends now have a *bona fide* reputation as great in the colonies and abroad as in the United Kingdom.

Although of recent inception, the export trade of the firm has largely developed of late, and their name in the foreign market for high-class Irish whisky is perhaps unsurpassed by any Irish whisky shipping house. Much might be said respecting the firm's other departments of business, but our space is exhausted. Suffice it to say that their home trade for Teas, which for many years they have made a special study, is one of the largest in Ireland, and though they do not ship this article to England or foreign parts in the same manner as they do whisky, their name for certain choice Blends and for supplying Ceylon, Indians, and other favourite growths *first hand* as imported is as well and favourably known amongst the Tea trade in Ulster as it is throughout the less remote provinces of Leinster and Connaught, over which (including, of course, their own native province of Munster) the firm possess a *clientèle* second to no other Wholesale Tea house in Ireland. Indeed, we may remark that their Teas, embracing many novelties now almost unknown to the present generation of tea drinkers in these countries, were exhibited at the Cork Exhibition

of 1883, but not being native products no judgment was allowed to be passed on this article by the Exhibition executive; though, had it been otherwise, we do not doubt their Teas would have carried off the coveted prize, just as their whiskies did.

We cannot close our review without paying a high tribute to the eminent services which the firm render to the trade and commerce of the South of Ireland in connection with the Tea and also the Wine business. By unsurpassed enterprise the house has taken a position in the commercial world from which it cannot be dislodged, and every year only strengthens and confirms the hold it possesses in all circles where purity and genuineness are preferred to mere "cheapness" in price.

Their Whisky is a universal favourite in England, and their "Clancarty" brand is now sold at all the bars, restaurants, buffets, theatres, and other establishments of Messrs. *Spiers and Pond, Ltd.*, throughout London and the provinces; and there are very few stations on our English railways at which this well-known *cream of Irish Whiskies* is not to be obtained.

**RICHARD FOLEY, Engineer, Millwright, Machinery Manufacturer, and  
Boiler Maker, Vulcan Foundry, Cork.**

PROBABLY in no single department of Cork's industrial and commercial activity have greater efforts been put forth within the past few years towards the attainment of a high degree of perfect organisation and excellence than in the Iron Foundry, Engineering, Millwrighting, and Boiler-making industries, and in these peculiarly important lines of activity the eminent concern above named holds a position of more than ordinary note and distinction. This old and extensive business dates its history back to the middle of the century, when it was founded by Mr. Steele, who successfully carried on the concern down to the period of his death, when he was succeeded by his son. Through causes which do not concern our present sketch the business was permitted to fall into a condition of comparative insignificance, and for some time prior to the year 1885 the Vulcan Works remained inactive. In that year Mr. RICHARD FOLEY entered upon possession, and from the first his business career in the Vulcan Foundry has been one of steady progress and prosperity, which was greatly enhanced when, in 1887, he secured the eminent services of Mr. J. G. McLean, M.I.M.E., formerly of the Northern Engineering Works, as sole manager. In the hands of this gentleman the works have achieved a celebrity second to that of no engineering firm in the South of Ireland to-day. The Vulcan Works are of great extent, occupying a large area of ground mostly covered by the various buildings devoted to the industries engaged in. From time to time the premises have been enlarged to meet the exigencies of the developing operations, and within the past year quite a large sum has been spent in addition to buildings and in supplying new and improved mechanical appliances to cope with the trading demands of the establishment. The whole of this great

concern—one of the most thoroughly typical we have visited in Ireland—is now fitted throughout with a valuable modern plant, equipped with every convenience and facility and manned in its numerous busy departments by a large staff of hands, each department being under the constant supervision of their respective foremen. In the foundries castings are effected ranging from the smallest object up to the mass weighing tons. The specialties of the Vulcan Works include all kinds of iron, copper, and brass work; steamers' and ships' work; marine and land engineering; boiler making—a recently added branch; gunpowder manufacturing machinery; iron bridges; provision-curing plant and refrigerators; locomotive and railway engineering; builders' and contractors' iron work; distillery and brewery fittings; also every description of plain and ornamental castings, girders, stanchions, and a thousand and one equally important items pertaining to the mechanical art. Indeed, in every branch upon which Mr. McLean has entered, the results have been equally creditable and advantageous. Few industrial concerns in the kingdom have greater reason for self-congratulation than have Mr. R. FOLEY and his able manager. The business has attained its present eminence solely and exclusively as the result of individual capacity, spirit, energy, and determination applied earnestly and faithfully. The Vulcan Engineering Works are constantly in the van of progress, and the business operations are invariably conducted on principles of the soundest order; and, by methods of the most honourable character, a trade has been built that is already quite national in its scope and not second to any in the country in the extent and influence of its connections.



**JAMES L. LYONS & CO., Leather, Bark, and Valonia Merchants,  
121 and 122, George Street, Cork.**

PROMINENT among the mercantile concerns of Cork is the old-established business of Messrs. JAMES L. LYON'S AND COMPANY, Leather, Bark, and Valonia Merchants, of 121 and 122, George Street. The business in question was formed about 150 years ago by Messrs. D. Murphy and Son, and ten years ago it passed into the hands of the present firm. A hundred years is a long time even in the history of a nation, and this well-known house has substantial claims, therefore, to the high reputation and eminent position it has so long enjoyed in the commerce and industry of the district. The premises in George Street comprise an extensive warehouse, lighted from the roof, and commodious offices adjoining. The stocks held embrace a comprehensive variety of leather of all kinds and suitable for every branch of trade, including belting, boot sole leather, comprising foreign butts, shoulders, crops, bends, and American sides of various tannages. All leathers supplied by the firm are conspicuous for first-rate quality in their several classes, and naturally a very large wholesale trade is controlled. The firm also engage

largely in the bark trade, and have special facilities for importing direct from the leading markets of the world, viz., Algeria, Spain, etc. Valonia, now extensively used in connection with the tanning industry, is kept in large quantities, and constitutes a very important factor in the trade of the house. Messrs. JAMES LYONS AND CO. give employment to an efficient staff in the warehouse, the business connection being of a widespread, influential, and steadily growing character. The sole proprietor of this great and deservedly prosperous concern is Mr. James L. Lyons, who takes an active part in the business administration; and the same commendable spirit of enterprise and energy which for a century has characterised the management is still a conspicuous feature of every department. Mr. Lyons, in addition to carrying on the above-mentioned business, is also the authorised collector of Poor Rates for the City of Cork, and also collector of the entire Borough Rates, a position which abundantly indicates the absolute confidence reposed in his personal integrity and honour by both the Poor Law Board and his fellow citizens generally.

**ABBOTT BROTHERS, Direct Wine and Spirit Importers, Bottlers of Guinness's Stout  
and Bass and Allsopp's Ales, and Mineral Water Manufacturers, North Mall, Cork.**

IN selecting for the purposes of this work the more notable representative commercial establishments of the City of Cork, it would be obviously impossible to ignore in these records of the mercantile progress of the district the prominent claims to recognition of firms of the old standing and interesting historical associations which specially distinguish the well-known house of Messrs. ABBOTT BROS., Direct Wine and Spirit Importers, Bottlers of Guinness's Stout, &c., to which we invite the attention of our readers. This important business was established about thirty years ago by Mr. S. Abbott, father of the present proprietors, of whom Mr. Philip Abbott is the principal partner. The premises, situated in the North Mall, are of considerable antiquity and possess archæological associations connecting the site with the earlier period of the history of the City, having been occupied, according to *Smith's History of Cork*, in 1688 by the Franciscan Friars of the North Abbey. The well in the rear of the premises takes its title from this Order, and has always been known to past generations as the Franciscan Well, having been bored out of the solid rock by the Friars, whose labours were repaid by a never-failing supply of the purest water, now utilised by the firm in the production of their celebrated mineral waters. To return to the work-a-day world, we may state that the firm's premises include the usual offices, warehouse, &c., and extensive ale cellars cut out of the solid rock, in which are stored the large stocks of Guinness's stouts and Bass and Allsopp's ales necessary to keep pace with the increasing demands of Messrs. ABBOTT's immense bottling trade, which is exclusively confined to these high-class quality brands. Messrs. ABBOTT also import direct large quantities of the finest vintage wines from the principal continental growers, and have long been famed for their well-matured brandies, Irish and Scotch

whiskies in all the popular blends, and other spirits of the most approved qualities. The mineral water manufactory forms a comparatively recent addition to the operations of the firm, who have laid down modern and improved plant and machinery for bottling by corks or patent stoppers, motive power being provided by an "Otto" gas engine of the most approved pattern. The water used in the manufactory is, as we have intimated above, supplied by the Franciscan Well, and, in the terms of the report of the eminent analysts, Sir Charles A. Cameron, Professor Tichbourne, and W. B. Harrington, F.C.S., is specially adapted from "its quality and excellence for the production of high-class mineral waters." These include soda water, pure carbonated water, soda (lemon flavoured), fruit lemonade, sparkling ginger ale, superior ginger beer, kali or potass water, seltzer water, super-carbonated Lithia water, Carrara water, and champagne cider. An old-established and substantial trade connection has been secured by Messrs. ABBOTT in each department of the business, their *clientèle* including the leading resident families in Cork and its environs and the principal hotel, restaurant, and innkeepers in the South of Ireland. The services of an adequate and efficient staff of clerks and work-people are employed in the business under the personal direction of the principals, whose extended connection with the trade and thoroughly sound and practical judgment ensure the perfection of order and system in every detail of the management. In concluding this brief *resumé* of the history of the firm, we may be permitted a final reference to the famous Franciscan Well, which supplies a distinctive landmark to this business house, and of which the proprietor writes: "It is now, and has been, in the possession of an ABBOTT—who respects and venerates it—for the past quarter of a century."

## G. P. HOUGHTON &amp; CO., Wholesale Hardware Merchants,

17, North Main Street, Cork.

THIS important and highly influential business dates back in its foundations to the year 1800, when it was founded by Hannah Houghton and Son, under which designation the concern was continuously conducted down to the year 1840, when the firm assumed the trading designation of Benjamin and George Primrose Houghton. In 1869 another change took place in the proprietorship, the business under review being retained by Mr. G. P. Houghton. In the year 1888 a further change was made, the style of the firm being changed to its present form on the assumption of John Atkins, Esq., of Dunmanway, County Cork, as principal partner in the concern, which still continues however under the personal management of Mr. G. P. Houghton. The house occupies extensive and well-appointed premises, which, if not exactly of pretentious appearance externally, are in every way admirably adapted to the requirements of an extensive wholesale hardware business connection. Large and valuable stocks are held in every department embracing the various descriptions of metal goods for furnishing and decorating purposes, together with choice assortments of best table cutlery, chandeliers, hall and other lamps in great variety and in the newest patterns, and electroplated goods of superior design and finish. The firm not only

keep the most reliable class of goods, which are sold at prices which place many of the so-called "cheap" goods out of competition, but the establishment has long been deemed a favourite resort with patrons of the better classes. The spacious showrooms contain a fine display of mantelpieces, stoves, and kitchen ranges, some of the first-mentioned being elaborate and chaste in design and superior in respect of material and quality of workmanship and finish. The whole stock is as complete and as comprehensive as any we have met with in the South of Ireland, and embraces everything that can be met with in a first-rate London or provincial ironmongery establishment. It would be impossible within the necessarily prescribed limits of the present review to detail the items of interest which Messrs. G. P. HOUGHTON AND CO.'s catalogue sets forth; suffice it to say that everything in hardware appears to be here represented, from the "Adze" to the "Jack Chain." Altogether a very important business is carried on, and the house enjoys the confidence and support of a wide and valuable local and district connection. Both the gentlemen at the head of the administration stand high in the popular estimation and of their many customers, whose wants they cater for with an unfailing enterprise and courtesy.

## HUNT &amp; SON, Opticians, &amp;c., 109, George Street, Cork.

THE public generally know very little about the various instruments used, or the vast amount of practical experience required to be exercised, in navigation to avoid dangers, overcome difficulties, and conduct a vessel safely from port to port. The delicacy of some of the nautical instruments in use is wonderful, and their manufacture and adjustment require skill and experience far above the average. In this connection it is our pleasure, as it is our duty, to give prominent notice in these reviews to that well-known and old-established house carried on under the style and title of Messrs. HUNT & SON at 109, George Street, Cork. As general opticians, manufacturers of nautical, mathematical, and philosophical instruments, and adjusters of compasses, &c., for steam and sailing vessels, this firm has acquired a reputation difficult to equal and impossible to surpass. Established so long since as 1792 at 118, Patrick Street, by the grandfather of the present proprietor, the house has successfully braved nearly a century. After the death of the founder the business was carried on by the father and uncle of the present Mr. Hunt, who is now the sole proprietor. The premises at present occupied were acquired about 25 years ago, in consequence of the growing requirements of an extensive connection. The commodious building includes a fine large shop admirably situate at the corner of George Street and Winthorpe Street, and contains a splendid stock of those special and valuable instruments in connection with the various professions

and callings of a scientific nature. Spacious workshops are situate in the rear of the premises, and on the floor above a number of highly skilled workmen are employed in the manufacture and repair of the numerous nautical and other instruments. The stock includes so many valuable specialities that space will not admit of their mention; a brief enumeration of the following, however, will give some idea of the extent and range of the stock, and serve to illustrate the high character of the house. Simply by casual observation we notice sextants, quadrants, binnacles, and compasses; marine, race, and opera glasses; thermometers of every description and telescopes of all kinds; hydrometers, saccharometers, salinometers, Walker's patent log and log lines, mercurial and aneroid barometers of all kinds, chronometers, watches and clocks by the best London manufacturers, ships' lamps of all kinds, theodolites, levels and drawing instruments, Nories' and Wilson's charts of all places of the world, ships' stationery, etc., etc. The importance of these instruments, the delicacy of the parts, and accuracy of adjustment and use will be apparent to everyone, and the improvements and discoveries made in this direction have—during the century which this house has seen—been phenomenal and wonderful. Where would our mariner be without the instruments which are now always ready to his hand? Even with those most essential articles—the compass, chronometer, the log, sextant, and circle, or octant of reflection, without which no experienced skipper would set to sea—the improvements have been



vast, and the accuracy required in the adjustment as well as manufacture is such that the most trivial defect might result in a miscalculation of distance of some miles, and bring about the wreck of the vessel. The safety of all on board is placed on the reliability of these articles. This may be well illustrated by giving a short description of what is meant by "taking an observation" at sea. Furnished with a sextant and octant of double reflection our skipper goes on deck. Having examined the adjustment, he proceeds to bring down the image of the sun reflected by the mirror until the lower limb just sweeps the horizon. This he continues to follow, and measures its ascent until it ceases to rise. The moment it begins to fall and the lower limb dips in the horizon he knows the sun has passed the meridian. The altitude marked by the index being read off and corrected, the quadrant is next brought into service, the sun's zenith distance is discovered, and by calculation the vessel's exact position is fixed. Thus, by a daily and accurate knowledge of his latitude, a desideratum of comparatively easy attainment to the modern mariner, he is enabled to steer clear of those dangers which would otherwise bring about his destruction. Mr. Hunt, the present sole proprietor of this business, also makes

a speciality of spectacles and other aids to vision, his practical ability rendering him remarkably successful in catering for the public in this respect. Even in this connection very little is known outside the trade of the care and ability required in the manufacture and grinding of the various lenses and the manufacture of frames. With this house, however, the same experience and skill are brought into play in connection with the most trivial as with the most important and expensive article or instrument emanating from the establishment. The personal superintendence and guidance of the proprietor are matters of some importance, for his high attainments have obtained for him a position of the highest status in nautical and scientific circles. The house stands at as regards reputation for high-class workmanship and quality of materials used in connection with the work, and is, without a shadow of doubt, the best and most important in the South of Ireland. The special trade of the firm includes a *clientèle* unrivalled by any other house, and the *personnel* of the proprietor, his ability, enterprise, courteous and obliging characteristics have been the means of surrounding him with innumerable friends, by whom he is respected and esteemed.

### JOHN BARRY,

Lime Manufacturer, Salt Refiner, Brick Maker, and General Building Materials Merchant,  
Douglas Street, Cork.

AMONGST the more important branches of industry represented in this City is that with which Mr. JOHN BARRY, salt and lime manufacturer, brickmaker, and general building material merchant, is identified, whose old-established concern forms the subject of this brief sketch. This business was founded upwards of half a century ago by the grandfather of the present proprietor, the latter gentleman taking over the undertaking in 1871. The premises occupied by Mr. BARRY are situate in Douglas Street, and comprise large yards, in which are erected spacious buildings for manufacturing purposes and stores, having offices at the entrance in the street. The stock held by Mr. BARRY is of a most comprehensive description, including large quantities of bricks, lime, cement, and other builder's requisites; coals and culm; and salt. A leading speciality in the latter department is the manufacture of Irish dairy salt, for which this house has long been noted throughout the South of Ireland, large quantities of this material being supplied to the provincial dairy farmers in the district, and extensive contracts being constantly in course of execution by the firm. Being necessary to supply pure salt for butter-curing, the proprietor appends analysis made in 1880. The brickworks are situated at Douglas and cover a total area of ten acres, providing every accommodation for the operations of the business, the extensive clay pits supplying the best quality of material for the purposes of the trade, and improved modern plant and machinery being employed throughout in order to keep pace with

the demand for the superior bricks made by the proprietor. A widespread and valuable connection has been established by Mr. BARRY, who numbers in his books the names of the leading buyers of this class of goods in all parts of the country, who have for years past placed their orders with this old-established house. A large number of hands are employed in the brickworks and stores under the immediate personal supervision of the principal, whose thoroughly experienced knowledge of the trade in each department is an efficient guarantee for the excellence of the management in every detail. Mr. BARRY is well known and highly esteemed in commercial circles, and has, by his uniformly honourable and straightforward business methods, secured for the undertaking he so ably conducts a well-deserved continuance of the success for so many years past enjoyed by this firmly established commercial enterprise.

In the manufacture of salt butter it is necessary that pure salt only should be used, and we append an analysis made by the Cork City Analyst (C. O'Keeffe, Esq., F.C.S.):—

"City Analyst's Office, Cork, Aug. 13th, 1880. Butter-Salt.—This sample contains only 0.3 per cent. of moisture, and yielded when dried: chlorine, 60.632; sodium, 38.873;—99.505 pure salt. Sulphuric acid (anhydride), .257; lime, .196; magnesium, .012; peroxide of iron, .030; potassium, a trace;—495 other matters."

This salt thus contains over 99½ per cent. of chloride of sodium, otherwise common salt, the foreign matter being inappreciable.

## J. V. O'CONNELL &amp; CO.,

The Cork Family Linen Warehouse, 49, St. Patrick Street, Cork.

THE important and distinguished position which the Cork Family Linen Warehouse has acquired during a comparatively brief business career of eighteen years is, perhaps, the most positive proof of the capable methods under which it has been established and of the readiness with which an appreciative community have availed themselves of the unrivalled commercial advantages it confers. As one of the large and representative business institutions of Cork it continues to command the public recognition due to its well-maintained principles of liberal trading, and from its commencement in 1874 down to the present time has been advanced with remarkable tact and enterprise. The central position of the house in the leading thoroughfare of Cork has tended to enhance its prominence, and it is located almost in the middle of Patrick Street, where the extensive glass frontage and lofty elevation render it a commanding structural feature among the many elegant houses by which this part of the City is dignified. Large counters extend along each side of the interior, and the shelves all round are replete with stocks of general drapery subjected to a most perfect system of departmental arrangement. The office and stores are at the rear, and in the latter are extensive assortments of reserve goods, all supplementing the large and almost limitless supplies which constitute the firm's general stock. The entire space of five flats above is fully occupied partly as sale and warerooms, partly as showrooms, and partly as workrooms. In order to maintain due organization in an establishment comprehending many different trade departments, the utmost regularity prevails, and each section is in charge of a capable assistant, who, with the aid of an efficient staff, contributes to the maintenance of that smooth system of management which is so remarkable a feature of the Cork Family Linen Warehouse. In consequence of the importance to which the shirt-making industry of the house has attained, special provision is made for the exigencies of a trade that has become greatly extended, and all operations in this department are accomplished with the skill and efficiency which sustain the firm's well-known repute for artistic finish in every class of shirts produced. To meet the constant strain upon their resources Messrs. O'CONNELL employ a large staff of outside workers, but most of the employes reside on the premises, and mention may be here made of the care and consideration that have been devoted to their health, comfort, and convenience.

Considering the singularly comprehensive character of the business which Messrs. O'CONNELL AND COMPANY have so well developed, it is obviously impossible to do adequate justice to each section and division thereof within the present sketch. They operate on an

altogether extensive scale and are represented in the principal centres of supply by buyers of experience and shrewdness; and, possessing a ready capital and influence available to few firms, are in a position to offer to the public periodical consignments of goods representing the judiciously purchased selections of the home and foreign markets and submitted for sale on correspondingly liberal terms. Messrs. O'CONNELL cannot be anywhere surpassed in the South of Ireland for the excellence, durability, and sound value of their family linens, the great leading article of sale to which the firm have directed special and particular attention.

Their Irish goods in general represent the best productions procurable and embrace meritorious specialties in all the various departments undernoted. Table linen in piece and in cloths; table napkins and doyleys; table covers and baizes; linen shirts, towels, and towellings; and cotton and linen sheetings form an important item of stock; and leading features are noted in blankets and flannels, toilet and Marseilles quilts, counterpanes, tickens, railway rugs, lawn handkerchiefs, woollens, cretonnes, prints, hosiery, silks, and dresses of every description.

A department of the house which it is impossible to overlook is that relating to the sale of Irish tweeds, worsted coatings, serges, and ready-made suits; while in corsets and jackets, lace curtains, umbrellas, shawls, mantles, prints, silks, velvets, and dress pieces they exhibit many tasteful and fashionable novelties, and have frequently the good fortune to secure extensive assortments of manufacturers' and drapery stocks in liquidation, which they immediately place on sale at prices impossible to contend with. Sometimes as much as 42½ per cent. is represented in the reductions thus secured, and immense clearances are effected in prompt cash, which necessarily enables the firm to dispose of all goods at a merely nominal profit. With a keen and experienced insight into all the possible mutations of public taste and the variations of each season, the head of the house himself largely undertakes the work of purchase and selection. He evinces an especial aptitude for securing the right class of goods at the proper times, and one instance of this kind may serve to illustrate his discernment and enterprise. Only the other day in Manchester he bought thousands of pieces and disposed of them before leaving England. Under the guidance of so discriminating a merchant, the Cork Family Linen Warehouse has its prosperity most efficiently secured. As the centre of a wholesale and retail trade of great magnitude it is at all times equal to the most pressing exigencies of commerce and public requirement; and in these and other respects is eminently worthy of the popularity and renown which methods of honourable and straightforward dealings have elicited.



THE LOUGH NURSERIES, Cork. MR. RICHARD HARTLAND, *Proprietor.*

THE above Nurseries at Cork, covering an expanse of sixty acres and extending to the shores of the Lough, from which they derive their title, have long maintained a place of undisputed precedence and celebrity among the leading centres of fruit and floral production in Ireland. As the medium of an industry which, it is believed, will sooner or later contribute in no small measure to the prosperity of the country, the LOUGH NURSERIES have been raised to a standard of almost perfect equipment and development; and the whole particulars of their origin, intermediate growth, and present flourishing condition present sufficient data of themselves to form the basis of any review of gardening activity in the South of Ireland.

It was in the year 1776 that the late Mr. Richard Hartland (grandfather of the present proprietor), with Arthur Young, first came to Ireland with the view of commencing the industry of which these now famous Nurseries are the centre. He enjoyed the favour of George III., and got appointed over "The White Knight's" estate of 100,000 acres, and then began those operations of forest and glen planting which have done so much to enhance the natural beauties of Ireland, to increase its timber resources, to provide covers for birds, and to open up the branch of work which it has been at all times the aim of the Hartland family to promote and extend. The present Mr. Hartland joined his father at the LOUGH NURSERIES. It was here that he acquired those impressions and aspirations which have rendered gardening life to him an especial source of pleasure, and under his venerable tutor and relative he may be said to have gained many valuable lessons, which he has since successfully applied in the various departments of the industry for which he evinced so early a predilection. As a proof of his well-known talent as a nurseryman and specialist, we need only say that his opinions are not only sought after, but are regarded as authoritative in all matters relating to flower and fruit culture.

To attempt to describe, within the limits of the present sketch, so extensive a range of Nurseries as those under the above name would, we fear, be an almost procrustean task, while even the most detailed survey of their resources could not possibly convey any accurate idea of the vast range of forestry and fruit and flower luxuriance here illustrated. Of the extent of forest trees here developed an impression may be conveyed by the simple fact that in one kind alone, namely, larch fir, Mr. Hartland maintains a stock of 5,000,000. Here and there, at various parts of the grounds, are glasshouses, in which many of the rarest flowers and plants are being nurtured, while acres of roses, begonias, pelargonias, camelias and azaleas, chrysanthemums, stove and greenhouse plants, and coniferæ everywhere luxuriate. The proprietor's own dwelling-house is encircled by flowers and derives a feature of pleasing picturesqueness from such bright surroundings. Directly in front of the house is the far-famed *Weeping Beech*, whose pendant branches cover 300 feet, and which is believed to be the finest beech known to exist. It commands the admiration of travellers and tourists from all parts of the world, and probably the next feature of

attractiveness is the grove of no fewer than thirty golden variegated Wellingtonians twenty-five feet high. Visitors to the LOUGH NURSERIES in the month of May are favoured by fine displays of pelargonias, while the tea and hybrid roses brought out in July are a great treat to all lovers of flowers; and in the months of August and September, when the begonias are in full bloom and the fruit in a condition of ripeness, the whole aspect of the gardens is one of exceptional brilliancy. In the autumn one glasshouse is entirely devoted to the display of pears and plums, the latter growing on each side and the former growing all up the side and hanging in tempting clusters overhead. In scarcely any department of fruit growing has Mr. Hartland attained more pronounced success than in the growing of *plums*, and for fruit growing generally he has been the recipient of many prizes, medals, and diplomas. At a recent Plum Exhibition in Edinburgh, of the 1,000 dishes put forward from the Three Kingdoms eighteen varieties from the LOUGH NURSERIES were awarded "Extra Merit." The Royal Horticultural Society in Dublin awarded a special Silver Medal for a hundred dishes of home-grown apples, pears, and plums; and the fact thus brought prominently before the public that Ireland *could* produce fruit of a very superior quality came as a revelation to pomologists hitherto unconscious of the prolific character of this country's soil and its unrivalled natural advantages for the development of all kinds of fruits. Among Irish horticulturists no subject is of greater interest at the present time than the extension of its resources of fruit and fruit-tree culture, and one has only to glance at the impressive range of productions with which the LOUGH NURSERIES are favoured in order to find a substantial emphasis of the fact (not so widely known as it should be) that Ireland possesses the finest climate in the world for the purpose. At one time in Irish history the South of Ireland was celebrated for its orchards, and, as a natural sequence, for the excellency of its *cider*, which obtained an extensive sale abroad. With this fact in view, it is impossible that anyone can fail to recognise the country's special adaptability for fruit cultivation and the great possibilities that lie in the near future for a state-aided scheme of national fruit culture.

A sum of about eight millions is, we believe, annually expended on imported apples and fruits, and from this it is evident that, by a successful system of home cultivation, Irish growers would receive a considerable share of this vast yearly output, and at the same time would be promoting the prosperity of an industry largely calculated to ameliorate the present impoverished character of this and other branches of Irish work. Of such a scheme Mr. Hartland, with characteristic foresight, has been long a strenuous advocate; and, thoroughly convinced of the facilities for its speedy realisation, has adopted every means to establish a sound fruit-growing industry among small landowners and tenants. No matter how indefinite the scheme may appear at present, there is every reason for prognosticating so far as to say that it must soon obtain the full consideration and attention it deserves; and that, upon the occurrence of such an event, there is no doubt the operations of the LOUGH NURSERIES will be brought into requisition.

From the earliest time the Nurseries have commanded a favour by no means confined to the neighbourhood in which they are located, and the oldest and most extensive woods in Ireland have had their supplies from this centre. Important contracts for planting waste lands, orchards, and fruit gardens are still extensively engaged in; and, when planting hills or glens, sometimes as many as 500 men are employed.

The splendid organisation of the Nurseries is admirably preserved, and the frequent demands upon their resources are met by a promptitude and attentiveness highly gratifying to influential connections resident in nearly every part of the world. As an ardent collector of everything relative to the industry with which his name is identified, Mr. Hartland has a neatly-fitted apartment in which he exhibits samples of all his varieties in apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, cherries, strawberries, and vines. Here also are one hundred and fifty different samples of Irish woods and a part of the trunk of the famous cork-wood tree which

grew at Somertown, a few miles from here, and whose branches, previous to its death some years ago, covered some extent of ground.

A feature of interest to gardeners is presented in the preserved samples of the insects which attack the different trees, plants, and fruits; and throughout the Nurseries and offices, or in Mr. Hartland's private repositories, there are numerous manifestations of the great and enthusiastic regard which he cherishes for everything connected with the industry to which the study and experiences of a lifetime have been devoted.

By those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance Mr. Hartland is much esteemed, and, as a gentleman of taste and culture, maintains the favour and friendship of many important Irish families. Mr. Hartland has a son—a doctor—away in the West Coast of Africa, and has another son in Australia employed on the Government service in connection with Woods and Forests, a branch of the profession for which, no doubt, his upbringing and intuitive taste for arboriculture have rendered him especially fitted.

**DENIS McAULIFFE, Family Grocer, Tea and General Spice Merchant,  
27, North Main Street, Cork.**

A BUSINESS of that old-established and influential character which remains unaffected by any of the aspects of modern trade competition is presented in the house of Mr. DENIS McAULIFFE, family grocer and tea and general spice merchant, whose establishment may be said to represent one of the most prosperous of the many interesting concerns that have sustained the activity of Cork's family supply trade. During its lengthy existence of thirty years it has been successful in preserving a special distinction as a house thoroughly adapted to the general class of trade with which it has been so long favoured, and its principals have, from time to time, improved its resources with the view of meeting more effectually the wishes of a gradually increasing *clientèle*.

The present proprietor succeeded his brother, Mr. Daniel McAuliffe, by whom the business was taken over some twelve years ago, and the most favourable evidence of the good management under which it is conducted is to be found in the attractive character of the premises and the selections of high-class groceries with which the establishment is at all times replete. It may be briefly described as a splendid, large shop having a long counter which extends far to the rear, thus affording that accommodation which a brisk daily custom demands. An inspection of the many tempting delicacies that form the stock of the establishment is greatly enhanced by the superior character of the appointments and the commendable taste with which everything is arranged. Of a stock which is so uniform in excellence and quality it is obviously needless to say more than that it embraces every fresh dainty which

can be procured from the home and Italian markets; that the assortments are brought to hand with the regularity which invariably ensures their sound condition; and that they fully emphasize the high name and repute of the house as a reliable centre for pure, genuine, and wholesome family groceries. Too much can scarcely be said regarding the scrupulous regard which the proprietor has for absolute worth and excellence in every class of goods he imports and provides, and notwithstanding the distinctly first-class standard of the various comestibles (which are supplemented by a surplus stock preserved within the stores at the rear) they are disposed of at prices quite favourable to the accepted ideas of cheapness and economy, and quite as moderate as those of any house in Cork at the present time.

As may be presumed, tea forms an important department in Mr. McAULIFFE's business. His selections of that commodity are drawn from the reputed sources, and include no blends or qualities that could be open to challenge on the ground of inferiority. The teas represent all the rich and well-flavoured growths which better-class families prefer, and are in full conformity with the old-established status of the house and Mr. McAULIFFE's reputation as a tea merchant and connoisseur of long experience.

As one who is successful in anticipating promptly the exact wishes of his numerous customers Mr. DENIS McAULIFFE is favoured with their esteem and respect, and the whole details of a busy and prosperous trade are carried out with the tact and ability necessary to preserve the enviable position of the house and its many accumulated interests.



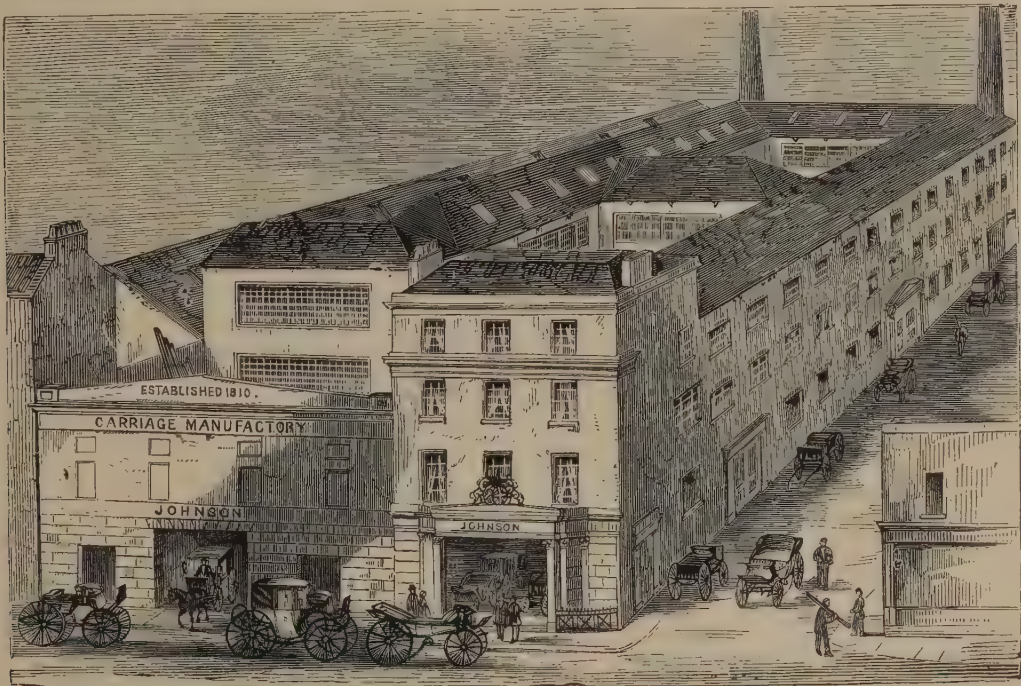
## JAMES JOHNSON, Nelson Place Carriage Manufactory, Cork.

J. JOHNSON'S Nelson Place Carriage Manufactory is as well-known an establishment as any in the City of Cork. It was established in the year 1810 by the late Robert W. Edden. The present proprietor, Mr. J. JOHNSON, has owned and superintended the factory for a period of over thirty years.

The premises are very extensive, covering an area of 200 feet by 90 feet, and they are three storeys high, presenting a fine external appearance, and are unrivalled in the South of Ireland. The factory in its internal arrangements is certainly one of the best we have ever visited at home or abroad. They have been laid out

gonettes, Stanhopes, dog carts, side cars, and, in short, every variety of vehicles in use of modern times, all of which are made on the premises and under Mr. JOHNSON'S personal superintendence. We could not but remark the chaste and graceful outlines combined with beauty of form and lightness, yet strength in construction, and display in every detail of execution, and perfection of finish. The superior skill and talent employed in this establishment are worthy of our highest commendation.

The workshops are certainly as complete as could anywhere be found. There is not a machine known to



with masterly care for the purpose of carriage building ; at the same time not forgetting the comfort of his employes, as each department is well lit and ventilated. It would be hard to surpass the manner in which the various departments are arranged and organised, and the sage advice about having a place for everything and everything in its place was never more thoroughly observed. The very organisation of the establishment clearly proves Mr. JOHNSON to be a born industrial leader.

The showrooms—the most interesting department of a first-class carriage factory—are especially attractive. At the entrance from Nelson Place is a very large showroom, and on the first floor upstairs are two other, all roomy and well lighted and admirably adapted for the effective display of the numerous and splendid vehicles at all times on exhibition. The stock consists of landaus, broughams, Victorias, ladies' phaetons, wag-

the trade absent from these shops. There are boring and mortising machines, circular saws, band saws and lathes, and various other contrivances not only for saving labour, but for doing work in a manner which could not be done half so well by hand. There are machines of Mr. JOHNSON'S own invention. One in particular we noticed is patented for making wheel spokes. This machine turns out fifty in one hour, which is about five times more than any other in existence. The numerous machines are driven by an eight-horse engine. The wheel department is certainly very interesting, and the contrivances employed here are exceedingly ingenious, and wonderful to those who have never seen such machines at work. The forge is certainly a very fine one, in which we have seen as many as twenty men employed. The body-makers work upstairs, and there are boring and planing machines to facilitate their work. The painting is all done on the top storey. The

uninitiated will be a little surprised to learn that each carriage will take a month, and not less than one coat a day during that time, to complete the painting alone. Everywhere men of the very highest skill are at work, and, in all, between sixty and seventy hands are constantly employed.

What with the skilled machines, the splendidly fitted workshops, and his own experience and business capacity, it is no wonder that Mr. JOHNSON is able to hold his own against any and all competitors.

We should mention that in the rooms and yards devoted to the storage of timber there are numerous piles of spokes and felloes, numbering tens of thousands, with tons of ash, oak, elm, mahogany, and walnut, all in process of seasoning. This is a process to which the utmost attention is paid, badly seasoned wood, no matter how good the quality, being fatal to successful carriage-building—a branch of industry which has been reduced to a fine art here.

The superior skill and talent employed here are worthy of our highest commendation. The workshops are among the most complete we have ever inspected either at home or abroad. The workmen are without

exception highly skilled craftsmen, inferior labour, like inferior materials, finding no place in Mr. JOHNSON'S establishment. The high-class character of the work executed here may be gauged partly from the fact that Mr. JOHNSON has on several occasions secured Prize Medals of the highest order for the excellence of his exhibits and from the influential character of his connection. Mr. JOHNSON holds the warrant of appointment as carriage-builder to His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and it may also be mentioned that among his aristocratic patrons are the names of Right Honourable the Earls of Bandon, Kenmare, Carbery, and Shannon; Lords Castleross, Headley, Muskerry, Fermoy, Kinsale, Mountcashel, Listowel, etc., etc.; and many of the leading names in Irish society circles.

Mr. JOHNSON is a thoroughly practical man with an experience extending over half a century, and this advantage, combined with the possession of one of the finest, largest, and most complete establishments, together with machinery, enables him to compete on the most favourable terms with any firm in the coach-building trade at home or abroad.

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### JOSEPH PIGOTT & SON, Court Hair Dressers, 36, Marlborough Street, Cork.

It is exceedingly doubtful if at any period of the world's history the art of the *coiffeur* has been practised with more distinct success and attention to detail than in this *fin de siècle* age, when, if less elaborate toilets are made, the varying styles of *coiffure* require the most artistic treatment and entail the exercise of the highest professional skill in the production of *les nouvelles modes*.

Our fair friends in this City are to be congratulated on the possession of ample facilities in this direction, as a visit to the well-known establishment of Messrs. JOSEPH PIGOTT AND SON, Court Hair Dressers, 36, Marlborough Street, should afford convincing evidence of their capacity of resource and their ability to meet the requirements of popular taste with equal success to the leading London and Paris houses. The business was established three quarters of a century ago by the late Mr. Joseph Pigott, who was subsequently joined in the proprietary by his son, Mr. J. Pigott, jun., who, since taking over the management on the death of the former gentleman, has applied his dermatological and trichological knowledge to the production of specialities for the skin, complexion, and hair—articles of rare excellence—which have made for the firm a world-wide reputation and the name of Pigott a "household word."

This select establishment is not to be found in the busy thoroughfare; it is conveniently situated in Marlborough Street, off Patrick street, and within a few yards of the Royal Victoria Hotel. The specialities of the firm include the *pruning of ladies' hair* (a means of preserving the hair to old age, discovered by the late Mr. Joseph Pigott, and recommended by Sir Erasmus

Wilson, M.D.), devising fashionable *coiffures* in all *modes*, and making up plaits, scalpettes, bandeux, and plain and theatrical perukes in every style. An influential *clientèle* has been established by the firm which includes the nobility, the resident military, and the *élite* of both the County and City of Cork, among whom are numbered the Right Hon. the Earl of Bandon (Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of County of Cork), Castle Bernard, Bandon, Co. Cork; the Right Hon. the Earl of Shannon, Castlemarty, Co. Cork; the Right Hon. Lord Carbery, Castlefreke, Co. Cork; the Right Hon. Lord Fermoy, Trabolgan, Co. Cork, &c., &c.; and others of the leading nobility and gentry, many of whom have been waited upon by the late Mr. Pigott and his successor for three generations past. The services of an efficient staff of experienced and courteous assistants are retained in the business, which is personally conducted with notable success by the proprietor, whose marked ability and eminent professional skill and attainments are constantly evidenced in the many superior achievements and productions in the art and calling of the accomplished *coiffeur*. In conclusion, we may direct attention to the latest production of this eminent house in the new *Zephyr Plaits*—the latest novelty in ornamental hair. They are exceedingly light, being made of long curled hair, without frizettes, and with their aid a variety of styles may be produced. The *Zephyr Plaits* may be obtained from Messrs. PIGOTT AND SON only, and our lady readers can acquire full particulars of this charming addition to the toilette on application by post to the firm at the establishment.



**McKENZIE & SONS, LIMITED,**  
Camden Quay; and 1, 2, 3, and 4, Pine Street, Cork.

THE seed and corn trade of the City of Cork is without doubt a business of the very greatest importance and value, and the growing and selecting of the best stocks of the former requires and receives an immense share of local attention. One of the best known and most enterprising houses in the trade is that of Messrs. McKENZIE & SONS (LIMITED), of Camden Quay and Pine Street, of which Mr. W. M. McKenzie, of Dublin, is the chairman, and Mr. John B. McKenzie, of Cork, managing director,—a house which has been established for fully half a century and has traded for the past nineteen years under the conditions of a Limited Liability Company. The Company's premises, known as "McKenzie's Seed Warehouses," are very extensive and consist of a spacious building fronting Camden Quay and extending fully 100 yards in a rearward direction. The interior is well fitted up with all the necessary fixtures for keeping every sort of agricultural seed, and the warehouses in Pine Street are admirably adapted for holding large quantities of corn and grain, farm seeds, and agricultural implements of every kind. The firm do a very heavy and extensive trade of a high-class character and they employ a large staff of hands in the various departments of their establishment. The house is well known and highly reputed throughout the South of Ireland, the business being conducted in an able and spirited manner. Of the house of Messrs. McKENZIE AND SONS (LIMITED), it is a pleasure to record the fact that there is no effort spared to make the establishment worthy of the large share of patronage it undoubtedly enjoys. The very conscientious and scrupulous principles upon which the trade is founded has long ago inspired the fullest confidence, a confidence which increases as the firm grows older. All transactions are effected with a view to the conversion of the most

casual patron into a regular and permanent customer, and in this direction a high measure of success has continuously crowned the firm's efforts. We may add that Messrs. McKENZIE AND SONS publish a very useful seed catalogue, which contains information of the highest value to those engaged in agricultural pursuits. The firm will gladly forward a copy post free to any part of the kingdom on application. In conclusion, we might mention that the firm's exhibits have gained the highest awards at most of the exhibitions held in recent years, one prominently notable prize consisting of a handsome silver challenge cup, valued at fifty guineas, presented by the honourable the Irish Society, at the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland's Show, held in 1868, for the best collection of implements suited to Irish agriculture. Messrs. McKENZIE & SONS (LIMITED) were also awarded the "Irish Farmers' Gazette" Challenge Cup—a splendid production in massive silver, valued at fifty guineas—for the best general collection of implements manufactured by exhibitors and suited to the agriculture of Ireland; while, in addition to these trophies, the firm have been the recipients of medals presented by the Royal Agricultural Society of England, the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland, the County Cork Agricultural Society, etc., as well as medals for their exhibits of farm seeds, threshing machines, ploughs, and other implements at the Industrial Exhibition held in Dublin in 1872, and the Cork Exhibition of 1883. They have also received many medals in ploughing competitions where the ploughs were held by their own men; and many other triumphs might be recorded if space permitted. We gladly include so celebrated and successful a commercial enterprise among those representative houses the magnitude of whose transactions and the uprightness of whose methods constitute them leaders in the industrial system of the country.

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**THOMAS MURPHY, Merchant Tailor, 9, Marlboro' Street, Cork.**

THIS may almost be described as a business of specialities, for, under the modest and unassuming title of tailor, Mr. MURPHY carries on a business which includes the making of naval and military uniforms, clerical habiliments, gentlemen's riding breeches, ladies' riding habits, jackets, &c. In each of these departments especial ability and experience are brought into service, and, naturally, a very extensive and influential connection has been established. The business was founded by the present proprietor about 15 years ago, and from the commencement the career of the house has been eminently prosperous. The shop, situate at 9, Marlboro' Street, is of considerable proportions, having a good plate window fronting on the street. The interior is well and extensively fitted with shelves arranged on the sides fully stocked with a choice assortment of cloths, etc., comprising every novelty in style and design in Cheviots, Saxony's, Meltons, and West of England cloths. The business is of a high-class bespoke character, and the patrons of the establishment include the

*élite* of the neighbourhood, the connection extending well over the City and suburbs, as well as various parts of the surrounding district. Mr. MURPHY personally conducts the business, and his thorough uprightness and integrity have merited the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. As a gentleman of special ability in his trade he is well known, the high character of the work turned out affording ample and satisfactory proof of this, as each article bears the impress of the master-hand. The cutting and fitting department is situate at the back part of the shop, and to the rear a spacious workshop is fitted up in a comfortable and convenient manner. There are from sixteen to twenty experienced workmen constantly employed on the premises, everything being done under the eye and by the direction of Mr. MURPHY, whose efficient management has placed the house in its present prominent position, and whose qualifications give every promise of attaining a wide extension and development of trade and the further enhancing of the reputation of the house in the future.

**JAMES R. CROSS, Funeral and General Posting Establishment,  
44 to 47, Nile Street, Cork.**

A POSTING establishment of to-day is a very different business from that which existed, say, fifty years ago, when very few could afford the luxury of using a vehicle of any description, and the requirements now demanded by a fastidious, and in many cases an exacting, public form a contrast at once interesting and unique. There is this to be said, however—that proprietors of these businesses have well kept pace with the times, and are in a position to successfully cope with all demands made upon them. In this connection we have pleasure in giving prominent and deserved mention in these reviews of that well-known and old-established Funeral and General Posting Establishment at 44 to 47, Nile Street, Cork, and of which Mr. J. R. CROSS is the sole proprietor. This business was founded over twenty years ago by Messrs. J. and R. F. Cross, and not until ten years ago did the present proprietor—who is, by the way, a son of one of the founders—succeed to the house, which he has much enlarged since it fell into his hands. The business premises consist of an extensive range of buildings, at the entrance to which are the general and private offices of the firm. These are tastefully and luxuriously appointed, the fittings being in varnished pine; and the interior generally, both for decoration and neat and chaste arrangement, forms a really handsome *entrée* to the general-business premises. To the rear of the offices, spacious and well-ventilated accommodation is afforded for some thirty horses. Order and system reign supreme, and cleanliness is a *desideratum* which the proprietor enforces in all departments. In the stables this is especially noticeable by reason of the absence of

all obnoxious effluvia, which is unfortunately too often a prominent, and at the same time disagreeable, feature in many establishments of this kind. Adjoining the stables is a large covered yard, which, together with several sheds, is used for keeping the numerous inside and outside Irish cars, coaches, waggonettes, landaus, broughams, open carriages, gigs, dog carts, and brakes of every variety of size, make, and shape; funeral equipages; closed and open hearses; biers; etc., which Mr. CROSS is of necessity compelled to keep on the premises in order to successfully meet the wishes of his numerous patrons. An extensive connection has been established in the funeral department both in the City and country, and a large general posting trade is done. The house supplies cars, carriages, and waggonettes on the shortest notice, and also lets horses by the week, month, or year; also trained hunters by the day or week. A speciality of this establishment is the splendid “turn-out” supplied, the cleanliness and steadiness of his drivers, and the efficient and thorough general arrangements made in connection with wedding orders, many a happy bride having to thank Mr. CROSS for the carriage arrangement on that all-important occasion being perfect in all respects, and thus ably assisting in carrying out the ceremony without a hitch of any kind. Mr. JAMES R. CROSS is well known all over the City, and may be often seen with his well-appointed tandem in various parts of the South of Ireland; and tourists generally, who invariably wish to see as much as possible in a very short time, flock to this house when “doing” the district, well knowing from former experience that every effort will be made to give them entire satisfaction.

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**WILLIAM HEGARTY AND SONS,**

**Tanners, Curriers, and Leather Merchants, Blarney Street, Cork.**

FROM immemorial ages the process of conserving skins of animals by the application of human methods more or less ingenious has engaged attention, and in this busy nineteenth century the processes in question have attained a high degree of perfection. In the world-renowned house of Messrs. WILLIAM HEGARTY AND SONS, of Cork, is exemplified the art of “upper-leather” tanning in its highest developments. The firm dates back to the past century, when the business was established by Mr. Matthew Hegarty, grandfather of Messrs. John, Matthew, and Patrick J. Hegarty, the esteemed proprietors. The distinguishing title of the firm assumed its present form some fifty years ago, when Mr. William Hegarty, son of the founder, assumed his sons into the proprietorship. The premises occupied by Messrs. WILLIAM HEGARTY AND SONS in Blarney Street, Cork, are among the most extensive manufacturing concerns in the county, and cover an area of from three to four acres. The buildings are of admirable construction, and

not only are all the arrangements perfect, but the equipment is of unsurpassed excellence. Indeed, it would be impossible to mention a single machine or appliance of modern construction relating to the processes of tanning and its kindred operations that has not been embodied in the magnificent plant of which the firm is naturally so proud. Some idea of Messrs. HEGARTY AND SONS' enormous output may be formed from the fact that two hundred hands are constantly employed on the premises working upon skins of the finest quality drawn from all the corners of the round world. The specialties of the firm include monster satin calf, satin and memel calf, levants, kip and crup butts, russett kip bellies, etc., etc. To describe in detail the methods of preparation involved in the production of the firm's various leathers is beyond the scope of the present article; suffice it to say that quality is a factor never lost sight of, and upon this creditable fact is based, doubtless, the magnificently widespread and influential relations and connections



which the house undoubtedly enjoys. Of the *personnel* of the firm little need be said, as the name of every member composing the partnership has for many long years been familiar as a household word to every resident in the county of Cork. The charities of the family have been boundless, and it is to the liberality of the late Mr. William Hegarty that Cork owes her magnificent schools, capable of accommodating some two thousand children. Mr. John Hegarty is one of the keenest authorities we have met—not excepting our old friend Mr. MacDona—on the subject of St. Bernard dogs, of which he possesses some valuable examples at his beautiful residence above the Cliffs. Of both Mr. Matthew and Mr. Patrick J. Hegarty we need only say that throughout the social, as throughout the commercial, circles of the South of Ireland they share an esteem which, in a singular and exceptional degree, has been a possession of the family since immemorial time. In their business relations the strictest integrity manifests itself in every transaction, while the

popular estimate as to the superiority of the firm's productions is perhaps best expressed in the fact that at the Cork Exhibition of 1883 no fewer than seven prize medals were awarded them, while similar honours befell them at the Great London International Exhibition. Respecting their exhibits at the Manchester Exhibition, the *Leather Trades' Circular*, June 7th, 1887, says:—"HEGARTY, WILLIAM AND SONS, 383, Blarney Street, Cork, have a very handsome and tastefully-arranged show case containing some fine specimens of their well-known productions of upper leathers, consisting of satin, memel and levant hides, shoulders and bellies, the dressing of which appears to be everything that could be desired—supple goods, mellow, yet firm finish, good surface and pattern on the levant goods. Crup hides, horse kid, kip butts, and a few other varieties of waxed and russet leathers form an exceedingly creditable display, well sustaining Messrs. HEGARTY AND SONS' reputation for superior manufactures."

### THE MUNSTER CYCLE DEPOT, Cork.

W. R. McTAGGART, Cycle Agent, *Proprietor*. Sale Room, 118, PATRICK STREET.

Factory, 2, DRAWBRIDGE STREET.

IN modern times scarcely any branch of industry has so rapidly and enormously developed as that of cycle manufacture, and the commanding influence it brings to bear upon the commerce of to-day is everywhere acknowledged. In Ireland particularly the cycling trade is by no means of recent acquisition, and the successful manner in which it has been forwarded in that province to which the scope of our reviews extends will be, to some extent, endorsed by a brief sketch of the business and industry known under the title of the MUNSTER CYCLE DEPOT. It is now three years since this concern was first commenced by Mr. W. R. McTaggart, and during that time its vitality has increased to a degree corresponding with the great popularity of cycling not only throughout Cork and its environs, but over the whole of the south-west counties. The essential requirements of spaciousness and display have been fully secured in the large saleroom at 118, Patrick Street, which, besides occupying a favourable and prominent corner position, is very handsomely appointed, and extends over a lengthy stretch of floorage to the office at the rear. Here are exhibited all the latest and most ingenious developments in cycle manufacture and every species of "roadster" comprehended under that familiar generic term, and in the many specialities submitted to inspection there are observable those features of efficiency and improvement which Mr. McTaggart has been himself instrumental in introducing to the public. There are many items that well merit the admiration of cyclists in such standard types of machines as spring-frame Whippets and Quadrants, Humbers, Rudge's Invincibles, and Hadley's, all of which are remarkable for ease of running, strength, lightness, and finish; and there is also shown the latest development of the "Safety" in the form of the pneumatic or air-tyre machine, which promises to revolu-

tionise cycling in the coming decade, and always holds growing favour in this country, to which it owes its invention. The cycling world may be said to be largely indebted to the Irishman from whom the idea of a cyclist "riding upon air" first emanated. A writer in the *Fortnightly Review* says:—"It has increased the pace of road cycles from half a mile to three miles an hour according to the nature of the surface, while doubling the *comfort* of the rider." The tyre consists of a rubber tube surrounded by canvas casing, and with a graduated rubber covering to take the wear. It is inflated through a specially constructed valve by means of a small hand bag, which fits in the tool bag. Thus the cyclist is riding on compressed air, insulated from all the shocks and jars of the road, and by the resiliency and life in the tyre his speed is increased enormously.

A visit to Mr. McTaggart's well-equipped factory in Drawbridge Street suggests many impressions of practical resource and facility for carrying out all the operations of the trade with precision and completeness. As a thoroughly representative cycle agent and cyclist, fully acquainted and conversant with the needs of all classes of riders, Mr. McTaggart conducts his large business in the manner most favourable to his supporters, and his courtesy and liberality, added to long experience in every phase of the cycling trade, have tended to render the MUNSTER DEPOT a popular and indispensable institution among the business places of this progressive City. As indicating the esteem in which Mr. McTaggart is held in social circles, we may state that some time ago he was the recipient of a Bronze Medal and Certificate for saving life from drowning, and is widely known for the genial and hearty interest he invariably evinces in all matters relating to sport and recreation. He is a well-known cyclist, having won over 70 prizes.

**GEORGE WALKER, Merchant Tailor, 98, Patrick Street, Cork.**

AMONG the several representative houses that contribute to sustain the interests of high-class trade in Cork, that conducted by the well-known merchant tailor whose name forms the title of the present brief sketch demands that prominence in these pages which is due to its commercial distinction in the City and the creditable name and repute it has earned during many years of uninterrupted success. Few persons in Cork and its environs are unfamiliar with the large establishment in Patrick Street conducted by Mr. GEORGE WALKER. It is an acknowledged leader of the trade it serves to exemplify, and its splendid frontage is a feature of ever-increasing interest and attraction. From a strictly business point of view it occupies a most favourable site and is located in the centre of what is believed to be one of the finest streets in Ireland. From the first the proprietor has cultivated only the highest class of trade, adapting his transactions to the requirements of those who can appreciate thoroughly stylish clothing at prices consistent with the very high standard of elegance and finish which it is Mr. WALKER'S constant aim to illustrate. With discriminating and judicious regard for the competitive character of the times and the especial activity of this branch of business in Cork, Mr. WALKER has by no means overlooked the essentials of moderation in cost; and as a merchant tailor having a practical and long acquaintance with the trade and carrying out all operations

under his strict supervision, he is enabled to warrant that embodiment of sound material and workmanship without which there can be no such thing as general excellence or genuine cheapness. The valuable range of cloths exhibited within the establishment in Patrick Street indicates, by its diversity in design and richness of fabric, the completeness with which all the resources of the trade have been made available for the choice of a superior *clientèle*. Many impressions of refined taste are conveyed in the manner in which the entire stock is submitted to inspection, and in every respect the house fulfils the best ideals of an emporium adapted to the needs of a large connection in which are included many of the leading county families and local *élite*. In the workrooms, which adjoin the establishment, the operations of a staff of twenty hands are superintended in a manner that has greatly conduced to the high reputation of the house for careful work. The department of livery-making and all the other branches of high-class work therewith associated are illustrated with the accuracy, taste, and skill of a firm long conversant with the most artistic development of an artistic trade, and following up with exactitude every mutation of modern fashion; and, as one whose name has become the highest guarantee of everything pertaining to sartorial art, Mr. GEORGE WALKER has gained for his business the established *prestige* that requires no form of written endorsement and dispenses with the necessity of any longer sketch than that here recorded.

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**HOSFORD & CO., Wholesale and Family Grocers,  
58, Old George Street, Cork.**

THE combination of wholesale and family business, as applied to high-class grocery trade in Cork, is successfully illustrated in the transactions of the eminent house of Messrs. HOSFORD AND CO., whose establishment has for upwards of fourteen years held a distinct precedence in this department of the City's commerce. Favoured by its convenient and central location at the corner of Old George Street and Prince's Street, the house has long formed a conspicuous business feature of that locality and possesses many attractive characteristics apart from those afforded by its inviting and well-arranged stock. The entire emporium presents an aspect of handsome fitting and appointment and in every respect fulfils the most acceptable ideals of an elegant Italian warehouse in full conformity with the requirements of modern times. Consistently with the high-class status of the business, its assortments of groceries and Italian goods embrace all the choice comestibles and table dainties derivable from the home and foreign markets. They represent at all times a freshness, purity, and sound condition which only careful and discriminate selection can ensure, and are disposed of at prices compatible with the principle of direct wholesale trading, upon which the whole conduct of the business is based. The stores at the rear, to which the interior extends, are principally devoted to the wholesale part of the business, and for this purpose

indicate a magnitude of resource sufficient to provide for the most exacting demands of a rapidly-extending connection throughout Cork and its environs. A splendid range of choice is exhibited in every department, and for this reason, as much as on account of the liberality of the firm's dealings, the house recommends itself as one in which the interests of the trading and general public are fully considered. In pursuance of a family trade that has of late years manifested continuous expansion, Mr. William Hosford—as sole partner of the firm of Messrs. HOSFORD AND CO.—has adopted every means towards providing for his customers with due dispatch, and to this end maintains a first-class delivery service, his own vans visiting the surrounding districts. Proper consideration is devoted to the counter custom, and a staff of active assistants renders every attention to orders, the whole operations of a busy trade being superintended by the principal in person. As a gentleman equal to every responsibility of the important and representative business with which his name is identified, Mr. Hosford preserves the estimation of his numerous constituents by unremitting regard for their wishes in all matters of quality and economy. The augmented popularity of the house is the best evidence of the ability with which its affairs have been controlled, and, at the present time, it ranks second to none in this City either in respect of the absolute value it affords or the vitality and progressiveness of its trade.



**R. & J. McKECHNIE, Steam Dyers and Cleaners, Victoria Dye Works,  
1, Pembroke Street, Cork.**

IN reviewing the successful achievements of the leading firms engaged in commercial and industrial pursuits in the South of Ireland, we must accord honourable mention to the well-known house of Messrs. R. AND J. McKECHNIE, steam dyers and cleaners, Victoria Dye Works, Cork, of which we have pleasure in submitting to our readers the following brief account of its history and operations.

The business was originally established a quarter of a century ago by the present proprietors, Messrs. R. AND J. McKECHNIE, the premises then consisting of a shop in George Street, with works in the rear. The undertaking rapidly assumed greater proportions, rendering it absolutely necessary to provide increased accommodation for the daily expanding demands of the trade, and the firm were fortunate in securing the Victoria Dye Works, situate in close proximity to the beautiful River Lee, from which is derived an unlimited supply of pure water of the quality best adapted for cleaning and dyeing purposes. The works are of commodious proportions, with extensive frontage to the street, containing spacious facilities for the various departments of the business, and are equipped throughout with the newest and most approved machinery and appliances for perfecting the several processes of the trade. These include every branch of the dyeing and cleaning of all kinds of textile fabrics, in which only the purest qualities of chemicals and dye stuffs are used, and the greatest attention is devoted to securing that all goods entrusted to the firm will be returned having all the appearance and qualities of new material. The services of a large staff of skilled employés are retained in each department under the personal supervision of Messrs. R. AND J. McKECHNIE and of foremen of wide experience and proved ability, ensuring the utmost attainable perfection in dealing with all descriptions

of goods, whilst the extensive employment of steam (a powerful engine and two large boilers being required for this purpose) secures the expedition of all orders sent to the works for execution. Messrs. McKECHNIE's principal receiving offices are 1, Pembroke Street, Cork; 56, Henry Street, Dublin; and 2, Cecil Street, Limerick; and the firm are also represented by agencies in all the chief centres in Ireland from Bray to Bantry. The firm enjoy a widespread connection throughout the country, and will at all times afford any information required by post, on receipt of a communication to that effect, a very concise and handy price list with the fullest details being issued by them for this purpose. Unremitting efforts have been made by the firm throughout their career to elevate the art of dyeing in Ireland to the rank of a national industry, endeavours which, owing to the extent and efficiency of the means at their disposal, have been eminently successful, and have gained for Messrs. McKECHNIE the highest commendation from the Press and the highest awards, in the form of First-Class Medals and Certificates, both at the Industrial Exhibition held in Dublin in 1882 and at that in Cork in 1883. In conclusion we may add that, in the hands of this firm and by the means employed in the Victoria Dye Works, it is unhesitatingly affirmed that the work produced is in all respects equal to the best that comes from the most extensive and most popular works in Scotland and England. Whatever, therefore, may have been the case formerly, it cannot now be alleged that there exists any ground for sending out of the country any description of dyeing or cleaning work, since it has been clearly demonstrated that under the improved methods adopted by Messrs. McKECHNIE it can be done equally well, and at a very considerable saving of time and expense, at the Victoria Dye Works.

**FRANK WALKER, Tailor, 59, Patrick Street, Cork.**

AMONGST the best known professors of the sartorial art in the City of Cork we have pleasure in recommending to the notice of our readers the name of Mr. FRANK WALKER as one of the leading representatives of the trade in this district. Mr. WALKER commenced his business at 28, Grand Parade, and remained at that address for about twenty years, from whence he removed to 58, Regent Street, London, returning to Cork about five years ago. The premises now occupied by this gentleman are situated at 59, Patrick Street—the finest thoroughfare in the City—comprising very compact and neatly appointed shop with attractive window frontage, in which is displayed a well-selected assortment of all the new season's novelties in high-class materials for gentlemen's bespoke garments. The interior is fitted throughout with excellent taste and provides ample facilities for the large stock of goods held by the proprietor, which includes Scotch, Irish, and English tweeds and worsteds, Melton, Yorkshire, and West of England woollens, and a great variety of trouserings, coatings, and suitings of the most superior quality. The cutting

department is made quite a special feature of the business, being conducted entirely under the personal supervision of the principal, whose long practical experience both in London and the provinces ensures the perfection of fit, style, material, and finished workmanship in every garment made at this establishment. A spacious workroom on the premises is provided for the accommodation of a staff of experienced and competent hands engaged in the trade, and the whole arrangements of the business are on a most complete and efficient scale. An extensive and influential clientèle has been established by Mr. WALKER, which includes the leading gentry in the South of Ireland, his specialities in hunting and shooting outfits and ladies' tailor-made habits, jackets, and costumes having secured for him the support of the élite of the County and City. Mr. WALKER is widely known and respected in local circles, and has by his courteous attention to the requirements of his numerous circle of patrons attained a well-deserved measure of popularity with all who have the pleasure of doing business with him.

**LUNHAM & CO., Ham and Bacon Curers, Exporters, etc.,****3, Lavitt's Quay, Cork.**

THE curing of pork in the form of hams and bacon, with or without the additional process of smoking, is carried on to a large extent in several parts of the country; and the industry is a very important one, from the fact that so large a proportion of our preserved food supply is thus produced. Foremost among chemical agents in food preservation common salt has been used from the earliest times, and the process of smoking also dates back a very considerable number of years. The system adopted by Messrs. LUNHAM AND COMPANY, Bacon Curers, etc., of Lavitt's and Pope's Quays, Cork, may be said to be exactly similar to that obtaining in many other establishments in the trade. At the same time it may be questioned if any other house exercises more care, or carries out every little detail in the various operations in a more thorough and efficient manner, than the establishment at present under notice. The business was established over fifty years ago by Mr. Alexander Lunham, whose son, Mr. Alex. William Lunham, is the present sole proprietor, carrying on the business under the original style and title—LUNHAM AND COMPANY.

Having thus been established over half a century, the house has seen many changes in the trade. Its own individual success, however, has never been in doubt during the whole of that period, and the still increasing character of the connection augurs well that the high reputation and the volume of operations must of necessity be further enhanced and extended respectively in the future. The business premises, situate at Lavitt's Quay, are admirably adapted for the work carried on and are fitted with every requirement. Additional premises are occupied at Pope's Quay, but the whole process of curing and smoking is relegated and confined to the former buildings. A complete and varied stock of all kinds of provision is kept on hand, but the speciality of the house is in connection with the

curing and smoking of hams and bacon, of which an immense quantity is produced. Everything in connection with the salting, curing, smoking, and drying is done on the premises, a large number of efficient hands being employed for this purpose. A very extensive trade is done, and the firm export largely of both green and smoked. The premises are very conveniently arranged; the smoke room with its numerous stoves, the drying house, salting house, and washing department all being in close proximity to each other, although quite a distinct and separate series of apartments. The stores are very commodious and well fitted up and contain an exceptionally large and choice selection of the goods for which the firm have so high a reputation. The private and general offices are at the entrance of the Lavitt's Quay establishment and are occupied by the necessarily large clerical staff which the operations of the house demand. The goods emanating from Messrs. LUNHAM AND COMPANY's works are exported to all parts of the kingdom and are all first class as regards quality. As carried on in this factory, the work of curing and smoking is conducted in a fair and business-like manner, the various departments being models as regards cleanliness and order, light and ventilation; and the care exercised affords an opportunity for nothing but praise. The success of an important establishment of this kind must in a great measure depend on the integrity of the house and the enterprise and tact displayed in the administration of the numerous details involved in the management. When we say the system adopted by Messrs. LUNHAM AND Co. is admirable for its completeness, and that the quality of their goods is second to none in the market, it will be plainly evident that, successful as the house has been in the past, there is sound reason for believing its reputation and trade will be still further extended and become more and more prosperous as years roll on.

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**WALTER T. KINGSNORTH, Account Book and Letterpress Binder, Bookbinder**  
to the Queen's College, Cork, 31, Fish Street, Cork.

FEW industries are more thoroughly characteristic of Cork than those which relate to the artistic art of bookbinding; a branch of work that has been brought to a standard of considerable perfection in the City, where binding in all its more attractive features must be expected to gain intelligent appreciation. One of the most noteworthy concerns at present engaged in the representation of this trade is that of Mr. WALTER T. KINGSNORTH, whose business, established only five years ago, has rapidly advanced to a position of the first commercial importance. As an Account Book and Letterpress Binder a large proportion of the transactions of this house is of a mercantile character, but there is scarcely any department of high-class binding work in which Mr. KINGSNORTH has not acquired considerable

distinction. He excels in all the more advanced phases of the art, and to the assiduous attention and study he devotes may be attributed his present appointment as Bookbinder to the Queen's College. So rapidly, indeed, has the business expanded that the extensive premises recently acquired were rendered absolutely necessary in order to facilitate the whole operations of a growing trade. The proprietor has been fortunate in securing a situation which, from a general commercial point of view, and for his business especially, is one of great suitability and convenience. The premises are only three doors from the busy thoroughfare of Patrick Street and are within the radius of a circle of constant daily activity. Three flats are fully occupied, the office, showroom, and store being on the street level, while the



whole space of the two upper flats is devoted to the practical operations of the business, and the establishment is, from roof to basement, fitted and appointed in a manner befitting its importance and the magnitude of its work. Nothing seems wanting to secure the completeness and organisation of an equipment into which every improvement of the bookbinding industry is introduced. The technical qualifications of the plant indicate the care with which only sound and ingenious appliances have been brought to bear upon the industry, and its general excellence may be partially understood from the fact that Mr. KINGSNORTH is the *only* practical tradesman in Cork carrying out the work of letterpress binding. This exceptional position enables the house to represent, without competition, a branch of work for which there exists the most imperative demand in Cork. The requirements of stationers, publishers, and families are alike satisfactorily provided for, and, in whatever department of bookbinding art is taken up, Mr. KINGSNORTH manifests a commendable desire to carry out the work not only tastefully but appropriately, enhancing thereby the attractiveness of the contents by the suitable elegance of the covers. Many examples of the exquisite bookbinding work executed by this house are to be found throughout Cork, and, notwithstanding

the recent establishment of the business, it has already asserted its indispensable footing in the City's trade. The reconciliation of cheap and handsome binding has been fully considered by Mr. KINGSNORTH, and the varied tariff observed bears those marks of liberality which have so quickly recommended the house to its already very large and influential *clientèle*. The moderate terms of the establishment are principally characterised in the re-covering and binding of *complete libraries*, this work being accomplished with precision and on a very inexpensive scale. When necessary personal attendance is given by the proprietor, and the express wishes of patrons are attended to with due exactitude. The position of the firm naturally offers many opportunities for the acquisition of secondhand books, and a large trade is effected in all classes of works, fictional as well as educational. The entire establishment constitutes a large book emporium available to every section of a trading and residential community, and as such is a source of varied interest. The proprietor is invariably equal to the most exacting demands upon his by no means limited resources, and his very attentive, courteous, and obliging manners go far to sustain the confidence and favour of the large circle of adherents in whose interests the business is so well directed.

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W. MARSH & SONS, Auctioneers, Valuers, etc., 70, South Mall, Cork.

WHEN Elihu Yale, an American—who, by the way, was buried at Wrexham, Denbighshire—brought such a quantity of goods from the East Indies that he had not room enough for them in his house, and held a public sale in 1715, in order to get rid of them, by conducting this the first sale by auction (or *at* auction, as our friends across the Atlantic term it), the worthy Elihu opened up an entirely new profession in this country. The duties now devolving upon an auctioneer are, however, of a more multifarious and comprehensive character than were carried out by the enterprising American, and to-day the members of the profession are expected not only to understand all the intricate details and forms connected with the sales of house and landed property, farms, assurance policies, cattle and sheep, furniture, &c., but must also be capable of making valuations for probate respecting those articles, in addition to plate of all descriptions. As an establishment notable for having been in existence a considerable number of years, as well as for the tact and judgment which has always characterised their business transactions, the house of Messrs. W. MARSH AND SONS, Auctioneers and Valuers, South Mall, Cork, is especially deserving of mention in these notices. Established so long ago as 1835 by the late Mr. William Marsh, and now carried on by his eldest son, Mr. W. J. Marsh—assisted by his two sons, Mr. R. H. Marsh and Mr. Joshua H. Marsh—the business has achieved an uninterrupted career of success extending over a period of half a century, and to-day the development and extension of the trade is still going on. The business premises of the firm are finely appointed,

and comprise a handsome suite of general and private offices, in the rear of which is a commodious apartment, measuring some 50ft. by 20ft., used as a general and property saleroom. This is well lighted and ventilated and suitably furnished, the excellent arrangements leaving nothing to be desired. Also adjoining the offices is another room, over 60ft. square, used as a public saleroom. This apartment is very lofty, well lit from the roof, and balconies run along on each side to the full extent of the building. In close proximity to, and entered therefrom, one of the numerous extensive furniture-storerooms of the firm is situated, and which contains every accommodation required in carrying on this important business. The frequent periodical sales conducted by Messrs. MARSH include freehold and leasehold investments of every variety, stocks of wines and spirits, plate and jewellery of all descriptions, paintings, old china, articles of vertu, books, horses, cattle, sheep, household furniture, etc. When we remember that an auctioneer must not only be fully conversant with quality and the nominal and selling value for these various goods and other articles, and the general demand for them, but must, in addition, have a knowledge more or less extensive of the inner workings of the trades and callings which produce many of them, it will be obvious that his experience must be of a varied and comprehensive character, far more so than is required in any other similar profession. Messrs. MARSH & SONS enjoy a high reputation, as they have always done, and the rapid extension of their business has been phenomenal. In 1866 the firm first started their periodical cattle sales, and the development in this

has been as remarkable as in the other branches. Extensive Marts have been acquired—the Copley Street Repository covering over an acre of ground. This Repository is suitably appointed in every way, cattle pens running in all directions. The sheep pens are situate under cover in two large brick-built and slated sheds. There are fine gallery arrangements, with rostrum and entrances direct from the pens for cattle, etc. The Repository is kept in admirable order, cleanliness being everywhere apparent. At frequent intervals the pens, etc., are thoroughly cleansed and lime-washed. A trade of a very important character is done by the firm in this connection, cattle being sent to Messrs. MARSH from many parts of the South of Ireland. Periodical auctions of a character more extensive than generally conducted are arranged as follows:—In April, the annual Shorthorn Bull sales; during August,

annual sale of Rams and Ewes; during September, a supplementary auction of Sheep and Lambs; and during October the annual sale of Store Heifers and Bulls. The ordinary sales of Dairy and Store Cattle and Sheep take place weekly, and are patronised by all the leading agriculturalists and buyers in the district. Messrs. MARSH are highly respected and esteemed, and possess the most extensive business as auctioneers in the South of Ireland. Under their capable joint direction the administration of the affairs of the house is, and always has been, noted for energy, sound judgment, and honourable principle—qualities guaranteeing the maintenance of reputation, the wide extension of trade, and the future augmented prosperity of the firm. In private life the partners are respected and esteemed for their personal good qualities by a large circle of friends and patrons.

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**LAWSON & CO., Gentlemen's Outfitters, Shirt-makers, and Hosiers,  
33, Grand Parade, Cork.**

It is a striking characteristic of the leading commercial establishments in this City that their records, frequently dating back to the most remote periods, afford very convincing evidence of the mercantile and industrial progress of this metropolis of the South of Ireland during the past century. Amongst the firms entitled to special distinction in this direction, a prominent position must be assigned to Messrs. LAWSON AND COMPANY, the well-known gentlemen's outfitters, shirtmakers, and hosiers, to whose business history we have pleasure in inviting the attention of our readers. The house was founded in 1795 by Mr. Joseph Lawson, the date being satisfactorily authenticated by a copy of a newspaper of the period, entitled the *New Cork Evening Post*, now in the possession of the present proprietor, in which is contained the original advertisement formally notifying the opening of the establishment and detailing the goods offered for sale. After many years' successful trading, the founder retired, and the business was continued by his descendants, of whom the present representative is Mr. H. R. Gorsuch, trading under the style which has been for nearly a century past identified with the establishment. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situate in that fine thoroughfare the Grand Parade, and comprise a large and handsomely appointed shop with splendid plate-glass windows, oval in shape, which are attractively dressed with an elegant assortment of the latest novelties in gentlemen's silk scarfs, ties, collars, gloves, silk handkerchiefs, etc.; tailor-made summer waistcoats in special new designs; and a great variety of outfitting goods of the highest quality. The interior is of spacious dimensions and is fitted throughout in the most *recherché* style, quite in keeping with the high-class character of the trade and equalling in every respect the appearance presented by the leading London houses. The stock has been admirably selected, and includes, in addition to the goods displayed in the window—gentlemen's sanitary natural

grey fine woollen undervests and pants, for all seasons' wear; lawn tennis, cricket, boating, and cycling outfits; and a great variety of pyjamas or sleeping suits, fishing and shooting stockings, etc., etc. The leading feature of the business is the shirtmaking department, for which the firm enjoy a world-wide fame, their perfect-fitting white and coloured shirts having, for generations past, been justly considered unequalled in quality of material, fit, and workmanship in the kingdom. Nothing can show more clearly the value attached to the finish of these shirts than the fact that the firm constantly receive orders for these goods from London and other parts of England, India, and Australia. Other specialities of the firm include Madras coloured shirting (Indian gauze), a soft and absorbent material, very durable and warranted not to shrink; and every description of Indian and colonial outfitting goods; special terms being offered to gentlemen going abroad or joining the Army, Navy, or Indian Civil Service. Messrs. LAWSON also show a beautiful selection of gentlemen's silk umbrellas in all the newest pattern handles, and it is worthy of note that this firm were the first to introduce this class of goods into the South of Ireland, an event which dates a long way back in the history of the house. The establishment is widely patronised by an extensive *clientèle* of the leading nobility and gentry in the South of Ireland, and, from the exceedingly moderate charges and uniform standard of quality maintained by the proprietors, they have secured an ever-increasing volume of trade with all classes of the general public in the City and surrounding districts. The business, which is the oldest of this type in Cork, is admirably organised in each department, under the personal direction of the principal; and by his unremitting attention to the requirements of popular taste has secured a well-deserved continuance of the prosperity which has for so many generations past attended the commercial career of this old-established and popular house.



## MARTIN MAHONY &amp; BROTHERS,

Woollen Manufacturers, Blarney Mills; and at 3, Camden Quay, Cork.

BLARNEY, that most interesting centre of Irish romance, with its magnificent groves and lake and castle and Stone, unquestionably possesses associations of the profoundest character—associations which for countless generations have afforded themes to the poet, the artist, and the descriptive writer, and which even to-day command the notice of rich and poor, peer and peasant, the most erudite, as well as he who is most susceptible to the influence of superstition and romanticism. But the sylvan glories of Blarney's charming groves and the romance of its castle, Stone, and lake would have little or no claim to recognition in these historical annals of Industrial Hibernia had they not been in juxtaposition to a mighty factor in Irish commerce which, in its own unpretentious way, is teaching to Irishmen the magnificent lesson that "capital" can find—in capable hands—a profitable employment within the sea-walls of the "Emerald Isle," and that "labour need not seek an advantageous market on foreign shores and among alien peoples, while industrial activities at home claim the enriching services of the artizan and labourer." This line of thought was strongly suggested to us on the occasion of a recent visit of inspection to the magnificent woollen manufacturing mills of Messrs. MARTIN MAHONY AND

BROTHERS, of Blarney, a firm whose influence has been a thousand times more beneficial to the district in particular, and the kingdom at large, than the entire accumulation of romance and beauty with which the name of the locality is associated. The firm of Messrs. MARTIN MAHONY AND BROTHERS is of considerable antiquity. It dates back to the year 1751, since which date, in an unbroken sequence, the concern has passed down from father to son to the present day. Not that Messrs. MAHONY'S mills were always located at Blarney. They were originally founded at Rochestown, and were from that place transferred to Blackpool, thence to Glanmire, and, in 1824, to Blarney. By an unfortunate accident the Blarney Mills were, in the year 1869, totally destroyed by fire. But, phoenix-like, they speedily arose once more from amid the ashes a grander, more substantial, and more thoroughly equipped establishment than before. We are assured that, to rebuild the factory and to fit up all the new and expensive machinery, were gigantic under-

takings; nevertheless they were carried out with conspicuous success. In 1862 the manufacture of tweeds was enterprised by the firm, and the high and world-wide reputation which the firm has earned is a sufficient testimonial to the value and excellence of the goods manufactured. The Blarney tweeds are unsurpassed by the choicest productions of the Western Highlands of Scotland, and they find equal acceptance in the leading markets of the world, including London, Paris, and New York.

A peculiar feature of the Blarney Mills is the complete character of its manufacturing operations. In the great woollen districts of Yorkshire it is almost, if not quite, impossible to find a firm that manufactures the cloth, through all its varied stages, from the raw

wool as imported to the finished tweed as sold to the tailor and merchant. But that is just what Messrs. MARTIN MAHONY AND BROTHERS most successfully accomplish. The wool is received from the home and colonial markets, three large machines are employed in washing it, two large steam-heated machines dry it, twelve sets of carding machines comb it, twenty-six "mules"—that is to say, nine thousand spindles—convert the wool into yarn, nineteen twisting frames twist the



various colours of yarn, and two hundred looms weave the variegated threads or yarn into the elegant fabrics which subsequently grace the window of the fashionable sartorial establishments in New Bond Street (London) or Broadway (New York). The weaving shed alone covers half an acre, a small portion, however, of the entire space occupied by the firm. In continuation of the weaving shed is a large wing known as the "Aberdeen Shed," it having been opened when Lord and Lady Aberdeen paid the factory a visit during the Vice-Royalty of the former. Here the picking and darning is done. Here also the tweeds are dried in a machine capable of holding 250 yards of cloth at a time, and are put through the four finishing machines and pressed by hydraulic machinery.

Had space permitted, it would have been interesting to offer a more detailed account of the processes of dyeing, cleaning, and other essential operations; it must suffice, however, to state that every section of the factory is equipped with a view to the most perfect

results, and the vast organisation moves on in a methodical style that even clockwork cannot excel. The firm employs about 750 hands (male and female), and about £20,000 per annum is disbursed by the Messrs. MAHONY AND BROTHERS in wages alone.

The factory is surrounded by the neat homes of the workers, and, for the comfort and convenience of the latter, a dining-hall, a reading-room, and a school have been provided by the generous bounty and consideration of the firm. The workers, too, have established a co-operative stores in their midst, the very successful operations of which abundantly demonstrate the intelligence and administrative capacity of the Irish working man. Of the splendid warehouse and offices, situate at No. 3, Camden Quay, Cork, little need be said; they are in every respect thoroughly adapted to the requirements of the business, and themselves constitute an important and valuable addition to the commerce and industry of Cork City. The showrooms are noble, their space exceptional, and their arrangement remarkable for completeness even in such headquarters of order, system, and organization. The stock is large and comprehensive and embraces the best examples of the firm's manufac-

ture. The foregoing enumeration, brief as it obviously and necessarily is, and quite inadequate as a *resumé* of one of the largest manufactories in this portion of the British Empire, may nevertheless convey some slight indication of the magnitude and thoroughly representative character of the operations of the firm, whose market extends over the entire face of the civilized world. The directorate of this private limited firm at the present time is composed of Nicholas Mahony, Esq., Timothy Mahony, Esq., and Edmund Ronayne Mahony, Esq. In public and private life, and both as manufacturers and Irish citizens, these gentlemen have earned by their deeds the respect of their fellow-countrymen.

The status of the house of Messrs. MARTIN MAHONY AND BROTHERS offers Ireland's most striking illustration of the good fruit borne by native enterprise and business capacity that *can* and *ought* to flourish as well in Erin's mercantile system as in the systems of neighbouring nations; and the substantial success achieved by the firm is creditable alike to the honourable spirit governing its operations and to the great arm of the national commerce in which it is unquestionably a most potent and influential factor.

## B. WATSON,

Art Metal Worker, General Whitesmith, Locksmith and Bell Hanger,  
5 and 6, Robert Street, Cork.

AN important branch of industry is adequately represented in this City in the business conducted by Mr. B. WATSON, the well-known art metal worker, whose extensive operations in the trade will be found of interest by our readers. Mr. WATSON came over from England in 1864 and commenced the business with which he is successfully associated, and, by the exercise of those energetic and enterprising methods which form the essential qualifications of commercial stability, has gained a reputation second to none in the South of Ireland.

The premises occupied by Mr. WATSON are centrally situated at 5 and 6, Robert Street, off Patrick Street, and comprise spacious manufactory, with large workshop on the ground floor, devoted to the art metal work department. This is replete with the necessary plant and appliances for facilitating the processes of production in the various forgings and metal work for which the proprietor is famous. These include every description of ecclesiastical work in wrought iron grilles and screens, altar rails, standards, pulpit balustrades, ornamental crosses, vanes and roof crestings, entrance gates and wickets, enclosure and tomb railings, hurdles, avenue gates, and all kinds of fence work. This work is of the highest quality of design and skilled workmanship, and is wrought with artistic finish in every detail by a staff of expert artizans employed in the works. The upper portion of the building is utilized as the fitting department, in which the wrought work is completed, and here are also convenient facilities for the whitesmiths', locksmiths', and bell-hangers' branches of the trade.

A special feature of the business is the electric bell-fitting, orders for work of this character receiving Mr. WATSON's promptest attention.

A substantial and firmly-established connection has been secured by this gentleman in each department of the trade, Mr. WATSON having been commissioned to execute many of the most important orders for art metal work for the principal churches, chapels, public buildings, and hotels in the South of Ireland, and was successful in obtaining a First-class Medal for a splendid display of his artistic productions at the Cork Exhibition, 1883.

Mr. WATSON was the only art metal worker from Ireland represented at the Jubilee Exhibition, the 1887 Manchester Exhibition, and the Irish Exhibition of 1888 held at Olympia. His work at Manchester attracted the special notice and warm praise of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. Mr. WATSON is also represented in London by his eldest son, Mr. J. W. Watson, trading as J. W. Watson, Clark, & Co. at 23, Brooke Street, Holborn, E.C.; while his second son, Mr. H. C. T. Watson, who inherits his father's talent, assists in the work and conduct of the Cork establishment.

Mr. WATSON is also contractor to the Army, Navy, and the Board of Work, and has, in addition, an extensive *clientèle* of private customers. The services of a staff of first-class workmen are employed in the several departments of the business under the direct personal supervision of the principal, whose extended experience (both practical and technical) in the trade, combined with sound and mature judgment, have secured for Mr. WATSON the well-deserved eminence he has attained in this branch of industrial art.



## THE GLEN TANNERY AND BOOT MANUFACTORY,

1, 2, and 3, Glen Lane, Cork. *Proprietors: Messrs. D. RYAN & SONS.*

THE busy and progressive City of Cork stands eminent among Irish trade centres for the success of its boot and leather industries. Its name is identified with the credit of sustaining the superior standard of productive excellence for which Irish-made boots and shoes are renowned, and to that high standard few concerns have more conspicuously contributed than the GLEN TANNERY AND BOOT MANUFACTORY, conducted by Messrs. D. Ryan and Sons. This undertaking has enjoyed an uninterrupted existence of some forty years, and during the whole of that extensive period has been directed by its well-known and esteemed founder, Mr. Daniel Ryan, whose long experience, enterprise, and accurate knowledge of the trade have combined to enhance its success and repute. Of late years his two sons have been assumed into the firm, and the whole three partners now vigorously co-operate in forwarding its interests and in improving and augmenting the entire resources of the bootmaking industry, with a view to the continued prosperity of the trade in this neighbourhood. They employ a staff of about forty or fifty workpeople, all of whom are engaged in boot production only, the tannery work having now been relinquished. Where the operations of tanning were at one time carried on, the large three-storey structure—off Blarney Street, and situated in the Lane from which it derives its title,—does service for boot manufacture, and is for this purpose fitted up and equipped on a scale of completeness consistent with the immense demands made thereupon. All the latest appliances for the rapid and economical output of first-class boots and shoes are here embraced, and the mechanical equipment is one that fulfils in the most satisfactory manner all the operations involved in the work of a busy and important boot factory. In order to provide more suitably for the exigencies of a wholesale trade that has become extended all over the province of

Munster, as well as through some parts of central Ireland, the firm, some twenty years ago, opened a shop at 55, North Main Street, principally for the purpose of cutting leather; but about the year 1882 it was found necessary to convert it into a retail boot and shoe shop, which continues to form the centre of a brisk counter custom. This establishment possesses a very neat glass frontage, and its window, which is a model of beautiful and artistic arrangement, conveys many impressions of the variety of styles and designs which characterise the general assortments. A fine feature of the establishment is the saloon at the rear, where there is also a large stock. There are here illustrated all descriptions of elegant and fashionable boots and shoes for ladies, gentlemen, and children well adapted to coast, country, or town wear, and patrons will here find the continental, English, and Irish productions contrasted under the most effective conditions. The firm manifest consummate taste as regards the manner in which each series is submitted, and it will be gratifying to those interested in the reputation of the home industries to find that, wherever the Irish-made boot predominates, foreign manufactures do not excel, the Cork Satin Calf being equal, in every hygienic and artistic point, with the most delicately designed Parisian model. Messrs. D. Ryan and Sons have been successful in maintaining a very liberal basis of charges, notwithstanding the apparent fact that their work is constantly improving in substantiality and finish. Their long and honourable association with the trade in Cork confers upon the house a distinction to which, in any case, they would be worthily entitled, and their scrupulous adherence to those principles of integrity and moderate dealing upon which the business is established has been the means of preserving undiminished the estimation and support of a large provincial *clientèle*.

## OAKENHEAD &amp; CO.,

Seedsmen and Florists, 86, Patrick Street, Cork.

THIS important seed dépôt was founded in the year 1810, and passed into the hands of the present firm some twelve years ago, when the present designation of the house was adopted.

The premises occupied by the firm in Patrick Street stand in one of the most advantageous sites in the City. Both internally and externally this fine establishment presents the appearance of a model commercial dépôt of the first class, and a very superior display is made in all kinds of seeds representing the many departments of an enormous and varied stock. Messrs. OAKENHEAD & COMPANY are among the largest agricultural seedsmen in the South of Ireland, and make this branch of their business a special feature. In the matter of natural grasses and clovers, of which so many species are now used in laying down permanent pasture, the firm is well to the front. Mr. Oakenhead, the respected principal,

has made a special study of this important branch without a knowledge of which it is impossible to advise regarding the qualities and varieties most suitable to the various soils and districts of the kingdom. Not only does the firm hold large stocks of all horticultural seeds, roots, bulbs, etc., but here are to be found a selection of garden implements of the most varied type. The firm's extensive warehouse is thoroughly well fitted up, and every facility is at hand for the prompt despatch of all orders entrusted to their care.

MESSRS. OAKENHEAD & COMPANY control a trade of great magnitude, the connection taking influential effect in all parts of the kingdom. In every department of their trade there is the most incontrovertible evidence presented to the effect that this business is not only conducted with signal ability and energy, but also that it holds a premier position in the ranks of the seed and florist industry of the province of Munster.

**JOHN REARDEN & SON,**

Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants and Tea Dealers, 26, Great George Street, Cork.

ONE of Cork's most important and extensive tea and wine and spirit firms is that conducted under the style of MESSRS. JOHN REARDEN AND SON, whose headquarters at 26, Great George Street, Cork, are well known to every citizen. The business was founded by the father of the present proprietor in the year 1835, and for a period of fully thirty years the concern has borne its present trading designation. The premises occupy a prominent and distinctly advantageous site for the effective carrying on of the business in its several branches. The storage space at the firm's warehouse in Great George Street is of great capacity, exceedingly well laid out, and in every way admirably arranged to meet all business requirements. Here all the spirits are bottled in great quantities. The wine stores are situated at Lancaster Quay and Wood's Lane, where they also have a stock of two or three hundred casks of cider at times on hand, while the bonded store is at 14, Custom House, Cork. To realise the extent of the stores at Lancaster Quay a personal visit is necessary, for seen from the street they convey no idea of the immense stocks of wines, etc., to be found there. The premises run some 150 feet to the rear, having a width of about 80 feet. There are fifty wine bins capable of holding nearly

thirty thousand bottles, the heat in this department being kept up to a temperature of about 60 degrees. Here we find a large stock of clarets, sherries, ports, collares, and lumiar. The two latter wines from Cintra, near Lisbon, MESSRS. REARDEN AND SON are the sole importers of in Great Britain and Ireland. The Dominican Fathers of the College of Corpo Santo, Lisbon, have appointed MESSRS. REARDEN AND SON agents for supplying the altar wine of their vineyard to the Clergy of Ireland, and is largely used by them. The stocks held in these warehouses represent a very great value, the trading connection of the house extending over the South of Ireland generally. An efficient staff is employed in the office and stores, and the annual turnover of the firm is very large and of an increasing character. MESSRS. JOHN REARDEN AND SON also act as agents for MESSRS. Holbrook's celebrated American Ciders and the Edinburgh Brewery draught and bottling Ales. Mr. John Rearden, the sole surviving partner, is a thorough man of business, and is highly respected among the commercial circles of the county, while the goods emanating from his establishment may be relied on to possess all the recommendatory qualities which are to be looked for in the productions of a house of such high eminence and unsullied commercial character.

**JAMES ATKINS, Pianoforte Warehouse, 111, Patrick Street, Cork.**

THE honour of having invented the piano is claimed alike by the English, the French, and the Germans. It is now, however, generally conceded by competent authorities that this honour rests with Father Wood, an English Monk at Rome, who is said to have manufactured one in 1711, which was sold to Signor Crispi, the author of "Virginia." Count Carli, however, sets forth a claim for Bartholommeo Christofori of Padua, in 1714, and the French still attribute the invention to one Marius, a Parisian, in 1716. On the other hand Germany comes to the front with the claim that the invention originated from J. C. Schroder, of Dresden, in 1717, who, when 18 years of age, constructed the model of a new clavier with hammers, upon which he could play loudly or softly. The reader, however, may be left to form his own conclusions respecting these items. Our purpose is to give a deservedly prominent notice in these reviews to a house which has achieved a high reputation for supplying a superior quality of these universally-used instruments. The business of Mr. JAMES ATKINS, of 111, Patrick Street, Cork, was founded some 20 years ago, and is notable throughout the district, and the superior abilities and experience of the proprietor, gained in a connection with this business extending over a number of years, has resulted in the formation of a large trade not only in the City of Cork, but in various parts of the South of Ireland. The business premises, admirably situate in one of the finest streets in the City, comprise a handsome and attractive double-fronted shop suitably fitted and stocked with all classes and of nearly all the celebrated makes of pianos,

harmoniums, and all musical instruments. It is of course well known to most persons that, during the last 25 or 30 years, the pianoforte has undergone a complete revolution in regard to the construction of the working parts, and the important improvements made by the exercise of a more extensive scientific knowledge and greater extensive skill have resulted in the production of instruments which, for touch, tone, and power, have gone far and away beyond anything ever dreamed of in the original conception of pianoforte manufacture. Mr. JAMES ATKINS has ever made an especial study of the numerous systems and various methods of construction, and is eminently qualified as a judge of the first order, and the exercise of these qualifications affords the main reason why all his business transactions are carried out so satisfactorily. Mr. ATKINS has received numerous flattering testimonials relating to the high-class instruments he has supplied; of the excellence of his goods, however, no better is required than the choice and valuable collection his showrooms contain. An extensive business is also done in new music, a large and complete stock, both sheet and bound, being always at hand for customers' selection. The interior arrangement of the shop and showrooms is complete and handsome in every respect, and affords admirable convenience for the proper conduct of the extensive trade enjoyed by the house. Mr. ATKINS attends personally to the general affairs in connection with the management, the efficient character of which renders it a difficult matter to say too much by way of praise. We wish the house a long success.



**SUNDERLAND & BLAIR, Printers, Etc., Cook Street, Cork.**

THE extraordinary development which, in less than a century, has been made in the arts of colour printing and lithography entitles it to a high position among the foremost industries of the world. When Alois Senefelder invented lithography in 1796 it was for the express purpose of publishing his own literary compositions, in which he had been much hindered by the cost of printing. Like many another he did not derive much benefit from his invention, although a patent for the new process was granted to him in 1799. It will thus be seen that the artistic results of the art, now everywhere to be seen, has been achieved in less than a century. The improvement in colour printing generally, irrespective of the litho' process, has been equally astounding, and we are surrounded on all sides by work of the most correct and tasteful character, produced in the highest style of execution. In connection with this industry, and especially noticeable from the high position it holds, we have pleasure in according prominent mention of the house of Messrs. SUNDERLAND AND BLAIR, Stationers, Bookbinders, Steam Colour Printers, Lithographers, and Paper Bag Manufacturers, of 24, Cook Street, Cork. This enterprising firm was first established in 1884 as Sunderland and Malony, and was so carried on until two years ago, when the style and title was changed to SUNDERLAND AND BLAIR. The business premises are admirably situated and consist of a very extensive building of some four flats. The offices, in addition to large salerooms and stores, are situated on the ground floor, the upper stories being devoted to the printing works. These are very elaborate and convenient and form as a whole, both for sanitary appliances and convenience of working, a model of what good printing works should be. In the rooms devoted to that branch every description of printing is carried on, the various departments being fully equipped with all the latest appliances and forms of machinery; every effort having been made to ensure the works being as complete as possible. The whole of the machinery is driven by one of the well-known "Otto" gas engines, for which over 100 medals have been awarded. In connection with the colour printing and lithographic work the firm has been the recipient of

numerous flattering testimonials; nothing more than a visit to these works is required, however, to convince one that Messrs. SUNDERLAND AND BLAIR are artists of a high order, their efforts being unsurpassed for tasteful arrangement and beauty of design—the finish of details being in all respects excellent. The delicacy of the operations in connection with colour work may be gathered from the fact that the colours gold, red, blue, black, grey, and yellow may, by skilful overworking, be made to show considerably over 30 colours in six impressions. Space will not allow a more detailed mention of this department; it must therefore suffice to say that all work emanating from the house is harmoniously laid out and the execution and press-work skilfully finished. The bookbinding rooms are replete with presses, cutters, blocking appliances, and all other machinery requisite for carrying on the work. Even with the smallest details in the minor operations—stitching, etc.,—machinery is employed in the place of manual labour wherever possible. An efficient system of division of labour being also adopted, Messrs. SUNDERLAND AND BLAIR are enabled to ensure their numerous patrons goods of the highest class at a cost which compares very favourably with any other house in the trade. Passing from the bookbinding department, we are conducted to a commodious building of three flats situate in the rear of the larger premises. This is devoted to the manufacture of paper bags of every description, and forms a very extensive and distinct feature in the trade of the firm. In this as in every other department an admirable and efficient system of order and management prevails. In all branches a very large and fast-increasing trade has been acquired. Both partners being practical in the highest degree, and thoroughly conversant with all the ramifications and details of this large and varied business, it may be said that their love of good work, combined with sound judgment and correct taste, has been the chief factor in gaining for the establishment the high reputation it enjoys. A large number of hands are employed throughout the works, and both partners take a deep interest in the moral and social welfare of their employés.

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**R. H. SMITH, Wholesale Tea Dealer, Baker, and Family Grocer,  
Shamrock Bakery, 80, North Main Street, Cork.**

**BRANCHES: 102, Blarney Street; and 5, Evergreen Road.**

THE position of the bread-baking industry in Cork, as contrasted with that of some years ago, affords an instance of advancement, without some reference to which any review of the City's trade progress would be incomplete; and one of the most recent acquisitions to this department of commerce is presented in the large business conducted by Mr. R. H. SMITH, of 80, North Main Street, proprietor of the Shamrock Bakery and of the two flourishing branch establishments named at the head of this brief sketch. The success of this undertaking since its inauguration two years ago has

been as remarkable as it has been rapid. Despite the brisk competition that exists in the bakery and grocery trades of Cork, this concern has advanced upon public favour and support in a manner which attests the excellent principles upon which the whole business has been organised and the spirit of enterprise that prevails in its management and control.

The establishment of which the Shamrock Bakery forms a part constitutes a splendid commercial feature of the North Main Street thoroughfare, where its neat frontage and general inviting appearance indicate the

taste with which it has been rendered eminently suitable and appropriate to the class of wholesale and family trade in which the proprietor has so readily gained distinction. The front portion of the premises is replete with all the favourite provisions and domestic comestibles that find representation in a first-class grocery stock, and they are laid out and submitted to inspection under the most artistic conditions. Of these, teas necessarily form a noteworthy feature, and the series of exquisite blends specialised by the proprietor is of a standard of superiority compatible with the high name of the house as a leading and important centre of wholesale tea supply. Special items are noted in meal and flour, and the extensive range of loaves indicate the provision that is here made to meet the exigencies of a busy counter custom. The proprietor prides himself upon the unimpeachable purity and excellence of his bread; and his productions—if not the best in Cork—are at least equal to anything made in the City or elsewhere. The resources of the Shamrock Bakery embrace every improved appliance for the proper and satisfactory output of good, pure, and reliable bread, and the efficiency of its equipment is only equalled by the regularity of temperature, the spaciousness and ventilation of the premises, and the standard of perfection to which the whole details have been brought. Mr. SMITH has spared no endeavour to improve and adopt the entire available resources of the modern

baking industry; and, if anything could be expected to approach the very model of cleanliness and superior appointment, it is certainly the Shamrock Bakery. Where such personal attention and supervision are devoted it is obvious that the results are invariably most satisfactory.

The situations of the two branch houses at Blarney Street and Evergreen Road are exceptionally convenient, both having been established to provide more effectually for the requirements of those sections of the community which they respectively adjoin. Each may be described as forming the centre of a large and flourishing business in itself, and contributes to the proper control of the daily delivery system by which the attentiveness to customers' wants is duly assured.

The whole organisation of the business speaks highly for the ability and forethought of the principal, whose prudent methods of dealing have been confirmed by the appreciative support of a *clientèle* in which many of the best local families are embraced. With the enterprise which a perfect knowledge of the trade and the experiences of many years have tended to inspire, Mr. SMITH carries out all the operations of a prosperous and progressive undertaking in a manner favourable to the preservation of its high repute and standing; and there is every reason for the assertion that it has been placed beyond rivalry and on a basis of commercial prominence consistent with its well-considered aims and advantages.

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### JAMES A. HARLEY & CO.,

Coal Merchants and Steamship Owners, 26, St. Patrick's Quay, Cork.

IN this leading centre of the shipping trade in the South of Ireland, special interest attaches to those notable firms whose extended connection with the trade of the Port fully entitles them to prominent recognition in these reviews of the commercial and industrial progress of the district. Amongst the old-established firms meriting the attention of our readers special distinction must be assigned to JAMES A. HARLEY & Co., the well-known coal merchants and steamship owners, of 26, St. Patrick's Quay, whose business record dates back eighty years, when the foundation of the present success enjoyed by the firm was laid by Mr. Austin, great-granduncle of the gentleman who is now the principal, and who has, with his brother, for the past twenty years, directed the affairs of the undertaking, trading under the style indicated at the head of this notice. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situate on St. Patrick's Quay, and comprise extensive coal stores, running back about 300 feet to King Street, with suite of well-appointed general and principals' private offices at the entrance on the Quay. The firm have always in stock large quantities of house and steam coals of every description,

including Best Newport Red Ash, Cardiff House, Orrell, Liverpool, Scotch, Housekeeper's Range, and Smith's Coals of the best quality at wholesale prices, compatible with the lowest quotations current in the markets named. Messrs. HARLEY are also the owners of a fleet of powerful steamships, in which they import direct from the nearest point to the coal-producing centres, thus enabling them to place their freights on the market at the lowest possible rates. A substantial and steadily progressive trade is done by the firm, who supply the leading buyers of house and steam coal throughout the district, branch depôts having been opened for this purpose at Buttevant, Mallow, Kanturk, and Macroom; and Messrs. HARLEY have also a widespread private family connection in all parts of the City and suburbs. A large number of well-horsed vehicles are employed in delivering coals to customers, and a numerous staff of porters, carters, etc., are engaged for this purpose. The business is admirably conducted under the personal supervision of the principals, who are widely known and respected in commercial circles, and have, by enterprising management, well sustained the time-honoured reputation so long and deservedly enjoyed by this old-established house.



**HADEN & CO., Wholesale Bottlers and Mineral Water Manufacturers,  
Maylor Street, Cork.**

THE ale and stout-bottling and aerated water manufacturing industries of the South of Ireland unquestionably find high exemplification in the large and influential establishment conducted in Maylor Street, Cork, by MESSRS. HADEN & COMPANY. This concern was founded some four years ago by Mr. Joseph Alfred Haden, the present sole proprietor, a gentleman who has long been most intimately associated with the progress and development of both industries and the pioneer of many improvements that have been introduced into the various branches of the manufacture of aerated waters. The fine premises now occupied form one of the most complete and compact establishments of the kind in the South of Ireland; the main building is of three storeys and contains the spacious and well-appointed offices and counting-house; at the rear are the large buildings—having a separate entrance for goods in Caroline Street—used in the various processes of storing and bottling ales and stouts and in manufacturing the various mineral waters for which the house is noted. The premises also contain extensive storing accommodation, a well-fitted-up laboratory, stabling for some twenty or thirty horses, packing-room, and every convenience for the effective and economical working of the business. The firm are extensive bottlers of the most highly reputed ales and stout in the empire, including Bass and Allsopp's world-renowned ales and Guinness's and J. J. Murphy's stouts. In the aerated water manufactory the various departments are replete with machinery and appliances embracing all the latest improvements and the most comprehensive utilities, including gas generators and purifiers, engines and pumps, syringing, mixing, filling, bottle-washing machines, etc., worked by a powerful "Otto" gas engine by Messrs. Crossley Bros., of Manchester. The aerated water machinery has been specially manufactured by the eminent house of Barrett, Sons, & Foster, and the efficiency of some of the machines is very striking, while the results seem almost magical. The various operations are conducted on the most improved principles under highly competent supervision. The firm turn out in

large quantities all kinds of aerated and mineral waters, including soda, potass, seltzer, and lithia waters; lemonade, ginger beer, and ginger ale. These are put up either in corked or patent stoppered bottles. The invigorating and delightfully refreshing beverages manufactured by MESSRS. HADEN & Co. are distinguished by absolute purity, the greatest pains being taken to ensure this by employing only the best materials obtainable, all the mineral or alkaline waters being prepared in accordance with the analysis of the natural springs they represent, or according to the formulæ of the pharmacopæia, and the sweet drinks are made from the finest refined sugar and pure fruit essences only, no drugs or chemicals being employed, nor any common and inferior acids used. Another point, and one of vital importance in this business, is to keep the beverages entirely free from any metallic contamination, and the most careful and elaborate means have been adopted in this factory to provide against this danger, and the firm claim that the goods of their manufacture are absolutely free from lead or other metallic impurities, which are not unfrequently present in dangerous quantities in the cheap (and generally nasty) qualities of aerated water. The increasing popularity of the goods is well attested by the continued demand upon the resources of the establishment for their production. The firm's own vans deliver goods in all parts of the City and for twenty miles around, and no effort is spared to meet the convenience of customers in the prompt and accurate delivery of orders. The trade of the house in every department of its operations is of a widespread, influential, and steadily-growing character, the firm having a splendid connection with clubs, hotels, restaurants, private families, and shippers. The proprietor, Mr. J. A. Haden, is a gentleman of wide business experience and intimate practical knowledge of the trade, and under his energetic and skilful management we cannot doubt that the business will continue to develop to very magnificent proportions, and become in prosperity and reputation one of the most influential of the many aerated water manufacturing establishments of the United Kingdom.

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**DUNN BROTHERS, Tanners, 26, 38, 39, & 40, Watercourse Road, Cork.**

AMONG the great industrial enterprises which have within the present century contributed to place the ancient City of Cork in so prominent a position among Ireland's commercial centres, there is no individual concern whose annals portray a more continuous progression than the great house which forms the subject of the present brief sketch. This highly influential business dates back in its history over eighty-three years, having been founded by the grandfather of the present proprietors in the year 1808. Mr. Patrick Dunn

commenced tanning operations in Clarence Street, and, consequent upon the extending character of his connection, heremoved two years later, to a portion of the premises now occupied by his successors. At his death, which occurred in 1830, his son, Mr. Michael Dunn, succeeded to the control, and this gentleman subsequently made very important additions to an already extensive and prosperous establishment. On Mr. M. Dunn's demise the business passed into the hands of its present proprietors, who, by the addition of Messrs. Daniel Murphy and Son's business, made them-

selves masters of the most extensive tanning concerns in Ireland. The tannery in Watercourse Road, Cork, comprises a large and well-constructed hollow square covering about two acres, the centre forming the tan pits, around which group the various drying sheds, workshops, stores, leather warehouses, offices, etc. The various works are laid out on a very extensive scale and are replete with an equipment of machinery and appliances embodying all the latest improvements and the most comprehensive utilities. The various operations are conducted on the most improved principles, with the additional advantage of long practical experience. It is impossible to inspect the manufacture as here conducted without being impressed by the success wherewith Messrs. DUNN BROS.—walking in the footsteps of their ancestors—have reduced the difficult art of tanning to an almost scientific precision. Messrs. DUNN BROTHERS' great speciality is sole leather in butts and bends, in the manufacture of which they are without a rival in the country. Purchasing exclusively the best South American hides, and employing only the most effective and highly-reputed astringents, such as bark and valonia, the firm has a substantial right to the high reputation and eminent position it has so long enjoyed in the commerce and industry of the country. For hard wear no leathers could be better than those of this firm. Messrs. DUNN BROTHERS rigidly adhere to the "Long Process" of tanning, which, though more expensive, produces more durable results. The house stands very high in the list of those whose productions have secured medallic rewards and other honours in the various exhibitions of the empire.

Among others may be cited the Gold Medal, Dublin, 1882; two First Prize Medals, Cork, 1883; and a Bronze Medal at the Crystal Palace, London, 1884. The *personnel* of the firm is made up of Patrick F. Dunn and his brothers Christopher J. Dunn and J. F. Dunn. The first-named gentleman, who takes charge of the financial department of the business, is a prominent figure in the civic circles of the district. In 1873 he was appointed a member of the Harbour Board; in 1875 he became a Poor Law Guardian; and in 1886 a member of the Town Council. In 1886 he was elevated to the dignified, though onerous, position of High Sheriff of Cork, under the popular Vice-Royalty of the Earl of Aberdeen, a position he filled with the highest credit to himself and advantage to his county. Mr. C. J. Dunn, who supervises the manufacturing departments of the business, is a Justice of the Peace for the City, and was, to Sept., 1891, an ex-officio Poor-Law Guardian, and is Visiting Justice of Cork Prison. As Chairman of the Cork Butter Market, he wields an influence which, considering the significance of the position in relation to the commerce of the world, cannot easily be overestimated.

As was remarked of the house some months ago by an intelligent reviewer, "The firm of DUNN BROTHERS has demonstrated the fact that the trade of tanning can be successfully carried on in this country when capital, energy, and perseverance are brought to bear on its development." With such industrial "leaders" to the fore, Ireland, as a commercial and industrial centre, need never exclaim, "Ichabod: the glory is departed."

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FRED. W. RUSSELL, Family Grocer and Wholesale Tea and Wine Merchant,

119, Patrick Street, Cork.

ONE of the most notable among the various establishments engaged in the representation of Cork's high-class grocery and wine trade is presented in that conducted by Mr. FRED. W. RUSSELL, of 119, Patrick Street. Since 1866 this house has maintained a distinction in the trade of this prosperous City highly creditable alike to the ability and tact which have been brought to bear upon its management and to its popular business systems; and the most gratifying feature to be recorded in the present brief sketch is its rapid advancement in public favour since its acquisition by Mr. FRED. RUSSELL some two years ago. In his hands the business has largely grown, and while the needs of an appreciative City and suburban *clientèle* have been well provided for by a prompt system of van delivery, the parcel post has become a favourable intermediary of trade through which quantities of goods (including tea) are consigned to families at a distance. For all the purposes of an extensive grocery, wine, and spirit trade the premises in Patrick Street offer facilities of an especial kind. They present a most elegant frontage to the thoroughfare, and have a separate goods entrance from the Lane. The front shop partakes of all the characteristics of a superior grocery and Italian ware-

house, and extends rearwards over a considerable distance to the wine cellars, the aspect of which tends to suggest the very cool and dry conditions under which a valuable and comprehensive wine and spirit stock is preserved. There are suitable appliances for cleansing bottles, and all the modern machinery in use for the bottling of fermented drinks is here observed in operation. It will be obviously needless to explain that such advantages have the effect of economising the output of liquors, and to families desirous of securing regularly the favourite table beverages in ales and porter it will be interesting to know that these are here provided at wholesale prices. *Guinness' Stout* in all its perfection is sold at the low rate of 1/9 per dozen. While it is obviously impossible to enumerate the many features of genuine cheapness that characterise Mr. RUSSELL's interesting price list, or to comment at length upon the merits of a varied stock teeming with all the delicacies and confections that the home and continental markets can afford, attention may be drawn to such specialities as Clarets, Burgundies, and Hungarian Wines, all representing products that are sufficiently endorsed by name only. The fact that the proprietor roasts and grinds all coffees on the premises daily may sufficiently account



for the purity and worth of these commodities, which rank only second in importance to the *seven* fine blends of tea for which this house is widely noted. Considering the close analogy which fine teas bear to the wines of daily use, Mr. RUSSELL has rendered both these important departments of his business, and the purity and stimulating properties of the one are only equalled by the high medical and dietetic qualifications of the other. To obtain a light dinner claret at 12/- per dozen is nowadays rendered easy to the poorest by the transactions of this house, where the best Giesler's Champagne does not exceed a standard of price that can be reached by the least affluent. The "national liquid" is represented by distillations that embody the very essence and excellence of whisky production. There are many old Irish blends, including several of Jameson's famous specialities at five years old, and the *Old Cork Whisky* of six years presents a rare combination of all those benign characteristics that have earned for this City the high reputation it bears as the centre of a busy and prosperous trade in genuine, good, and unimpeachable "*Irish*." Among other popular beverages, Mr. RUSSELL commands an extensive trade in Ross's Royal Belfast

Ginger Ale, for which he is agent. The high awards which this and other similar drinks have obtained at many important exhibitions constitute a recommendation that has been substantiated by the principal professional experts and the incontestable opinion and verdict of a world-wide public. Mr. RUSSELL also disposes of large quantities of *Olden's Horse Application*—a cure for horse and cow ailments—invented by the famous Cork surgeon, Robert Olden. By horse dealers and cow feeders this application is regarded as invaluable, and as a speciality used in the best stables (including those of the Prince of Wales) it has gone far to obviate in many cases the services of the veterinary surgeon.

In the two sections of wholesale and retail family business, admirably combined in Mr. RUSSELL's successful transactions, there are represented the features of a distinctly first-class concern conducted on principles acceptable to its many adherents. Mr. RUSSELL's personal energies and perseverance have gone far to render the house an important and leading emporium of trade in Cork, and accordingly it is favoured in a corresponding degree with the unreserved support of the community for whose interests it so creditably caters.

### MISS FOLEY,

Stationer and Bookseller, 101, Patrick Street, Cork.

ONE of the most attractive among the many high-class business houses that contribute to the enhancement of Cork's principal thoroughfare is the emporium conducted by Miss FOLEY, Stationer and Bookseller and dealer in everything pertaining to those important departments of trade. During the past five years this house has gained steadily in popularity and interest both by reason of the capable systems under which it has been managed and the innumerable features of novelty by which it has become identified. It is the recognised centre in this district for all that relates to family stationery and fancy goods, and its book collections, which are being constantly augmented, embrace all the popular and standard works that find favour with a large reading public. The large double frontage offers many facilities for display as well as for the artistic arrangement of a stock in which quite a miscellany of goods is embraced in choice and varied profusion. The proprietress of this compact and well-arranged dépôt is to be complimented upon the exceeding taste and artistic care with which the whole items are submitted to inspection; and the adaptation of the establishment to the most acceptable ideals of a first-class stationery house has been carried out by Miss FOLEY in a manner that adequately attests her knowledge of the public tastes and requirements. Among the numerous moderately priced articles of ornament, use, and presentation here shown, various special subjects are notable.

Souvenirs of Cork and its environs are very plentiful, and the house is visited by all strangers and tourists for those cabinet-sized photos illustrative of several of the most beautiful types of Irish scenery. Prominent also among the various articles which visitors to Cork are accustomed to take away as trophies or memorials are several fine examples of jewellery and a most extensive variety of Irish bog oak and Connemara marble, here obtainable in all manufactured forms. The great and increasing popularity of bog oak is at present one of the best indications of the interest of strangers in one of the most attractive of Irish natural productions, while the same may be said of Connemara marble, a product from the west of Galway which is becoming more and more appreciated by reason of the many elegant manufactures made and designed therefrom. Miss FOLEY commands quite an exceptionally large collection of artistic treasures of this description, and at all times endeavours to advance upon public recognition any fresh or newly introduced production in this and kindred classes of useful fancy goods. The constant variation and reinforcement of the stock with all the latest specialities that can be procured tends to increase the widespread patronage of a better-class *clientèle*, and the attention and ladylike courtesy with which the exact wishes of customers are anticipated have done much to establish the name and repute of this house among the familiar business institutions of the "City on the Lee."

## WOOD &amp; SON, Hatters, Patrick Street, Cork.

A VERY distinctive feature of the leading business houses in the City of Cork is the vigorous vitality possessed by firms whose date of foundation connects them with some of the most stirring episodes in the history of the nation and forms a link with the commercial traditions of many past generations of the industries of the South of Ireland. An effective illustration of this fact is supplied in the history of the well-known house of Messrs. WOOD & SON, Hatters, 46, Patrick Street, Cork, whose extended connection with the trade is perhaps unparalleled in the records of the commercial life of the City. The business was originally established 200 years ago by one Daniel Wood, of London, who followed the fortunes of William, Prince of Orange, in his memorable campaign in the Southern Provinces, and who, when the fighting was done, settled down to the practice of the more peaceful profession of a hatter, in which trade he had been apprenticed before joining the military forces of the Prince. Selecting, as the site of his trading operations, a shop in the town of Youghal, Mr. Wood rapidly acquired a large and profitable business, which was subsequently removed to Blackrock, County Cork, where his sons carried on the manufacture of beaver hats on a large scale. The business was afterwards transferred to the North Main Street, Cork, and again a move was made to premises in Patrick Street opposite to that now-occupied by the firm, the present site being secured about fifty years ago. After the death of the founder the business still continued in the hands of his descendants, and ultimately passed into the possession of the present representatives of the family—Mr. Samuel Wood, who is one of the *doyens* of the trade in Cork, and his son, Mr. Richard Ponsonby Wood, who now undertakes the more active duties of the management. The premises of the firm are centrally situated at 46, Patrick Street, the leading thoroughfare of the City, and comprise handsome four-storied building (the ground floor being occupied by the shop) of commodious proportions, with fine plate-glass window, in which is arranged a selec-

tion of the high-class goods for which the firm are noted. The interior is admirably appointed throughout, the fittings and decorations being designed with artistic taste and the goods arranged in each department with a careful avoidance of the slightest suggestion of meretricious display. The leading specialities submitted for inspection by the firm include a splendid selection of London-made most fashionable styles in silk dress hats for gentlemen by Messrs. Lincoln & Bennett, H. Heath, and Tress & Co., London, for which Messrs. WOOD & SON act as sole agents in the South of Ireland; silk hunting hats and caps; livery hats; ladies' riding hats; flexible Newmarket; Melton and Brighton shapes; soft Alpine, Torquay, Theresa, and park patterns; and soft and hard felts, which may be obtained to order and forwarded direct by parcel post in a week. The other departments of the business include gentlemen's Lincoln & Bennett's, H. Heath's, and Tress & Co.'s best qualities in felt hats; also Tweed hats for fishing, shooting, etc.; college caps, navy caps, boys' fancy caps, travelling caps, etc. The firm also show a large and varied selection of leather cases, hat brushes, hat guards, cockades, mourning bands, helmets, etc., etc. At a remote period of the firm's history Messrs. Wood were especially noted for their manufacture of that antiquated form of head gear—the beaver hat, now entirely a thing of the past. An essentially high-class *clientèle* has for generations past been associated with the firm, who number on their books the names of the leading county and City gentry, and who have in addition secured the well-deserved confidence and support of all classes of the general public in the South of Ireland. As we have stated in the introductory portion of our notes, the management of the business is now principally controlled by the junior member of the firm, who ably sustains the high reputation—built upon a solid foundation of generations of honourable trading—which has so long been associated with this the oldest house in the trade in the City and, as far as our information goes, in the whole of Ireland.

## W. MORTON &amp; SON, Gun Manufacturers, Gunpowder and Cartridge Merchants,

53, George Street, Cork.

THE requirements of a large sporting community in the neighbourhood of Cork have been long and successfully provided for in the operations of the old-established firm of Messrs. WILLIAM MORTON & SON, whose position in the gun and rifle trade entitles them to prominent notice in any work dealing with the representative departments of industry and commerce in the South of Ireland. As a gun, rifle, and pistol manufactory, as well as a convenient dépôt for the supply of every kind of fishing and shooting equipment, their establishment at the above address is one that bears considerable interest and importance in the trading activity of this City. For upwards of forty years the

business of Messrs. MORTON has been conducted in this dépôt, and the accumulated connections gained by years of honourable trading are ably preserved under the management of Messrs. William Morton, senior, and William Morton, junior, the former of whom has been at the head of this concern's affairs since its commencement in the year 1846. While devoting primary attention to the manufacture of guns, rifles, and pistols—a branch of industry in which they have availed themselves of all worthy inventions and improvements—Messrs. MORTON have given due consideration to the needs of anglers; and the numerous disciples of Izaak Walton, including those tourists who perennially resort



to the waters of the Lee and its tributaries, have come to regard with well-deserved favour an establishment in which they invariably find all that is requisite for an economical fishing outfit.

The extensive character of the premises, which from front to rear cover a large stretch of floorage space, enables the firm to maintain—under good arrangement—a collection of sporting goods unrivalled for diversity and quality, and among these fishing baskets, landing nets, powder flasks, cartridge belts, game carriers, dog collars, whips, and whistles are particularly noted. The completeness of the stock renders adequate description impossible, but it may serve the purposes of our brief sketch to say that nothing has been omitted towards affording a universal choice from air guns to Morris tubes and from a fishing rod to a constabulary sword. Large quantities of shot necessarily predominate, and the range of new and secondhand guns and fire-arms may be said to comprise all the best accomplishments of gun-making skill and the productions of the most eminent makers. Most of these are on the breech-loading principle, the now approved features of twist barrels, rebounding back action, bar action, double-bolted action, patent breech action, and highly finished walnut stocks, being all more or less represented. Attention is also directed to several old guns formerly in use for military purposes; also walking-stick guns; miniature sporting rifles for rook, rabbit, and seal shooting; saloon pistols; pin-fire revolvers; central fire bulldog revolvers; and constabulary revolvers; all of which embody the latest and most improved principles of action.

To all interested in sporting, Messrs. MORTON'S illustrated price list must form a handy intermediary

and guide to the selection of proper equipments; and not the least interesting feature of this little compilation is its price list of repairs, showing the great economy with which the most intricate adaptations of old guns to modern principles and the repair of every class of fire-arms can be carried out.

Having ample workshops at the rear of their establishment, and favoured by the assistance of experienced gun makers, Messrs. MORTON are enabled to satisfy every requirement speedily and well. They transact an extensive trade in the *refilling of cartridges* and are notably successful in the restocking of guns, the conversion of muzzle-loaders to breech-loaders, the alteration of stocks in bend, the cleaning of gun-locks, the re-boring of barrels, cleansing from rust, choke-boring, facing, jointing-up, rechequering, blueing, browning, the alteration of locks to rebound, and the insertion of new springs. A very artistic branch of industry has been developed in the engraving of crests, initials, and monograms, and in every operation that comes within the scope of the gun-maker's art Messrs. W. MORTON & SON have earned an especial distinction.

Of a firm whose claims to commercial prominence are of such long standing, little more requires to be said than that they have adopted every means and practical resource calculated to sustain their unimpeachable repute among the leading centres of trade in Cork. As gentlemen commanding exceptional facilities, and bringing to bear upon their operations the experiences of years, the firm are accorded the unreserved confidence of a high-class *clientèle*; and few tradesmen in this City are better known or more thoroughly merit the esteem they have elicited and retained than the principals of the house of Messrs. W. MORTON & SON.

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### R. SUNNER, Pharmaceutical and Family Chemist, The Medical Hall, 31, Patrick Street, Cork.

FAMILIAR among the many elegant establishments that contribute to the structural dignity and attractiveness of Cork's leading thoroughfare is the Medical Hall, an old and eminent business institution long the accredited centre of a high-class pharmacy trade.

The able manner in which the operations of the house were advanced finds due endorsement in the fact that honourable mention for pure chemicals and genuine drugs was awarded to Mr. SUNNER at the Cork Exhibition of 1883, and the utmost care has been taken to preserve the influential interests of the house, as well as those excellent principles upon which it has been successfully conducted with results that are well manifested in its ever-increasing prosperity and note-worthiness.

The building consists of four storeys and occupies one of the best and most conspicuous positions in Patrick Street. The premises possess many claims to architectural merit and are altogether of exceptional beauty and attractiveness, extending rearwards from an artistically-designed frontage over a very lengthy stretch of floorage

space. The mahogany and plate-glass appointments of the interior convey many impressions of elegance and effectiveness, and a large stock is submitted to inspection under a system of perfect orderliness and taste that cannot fail to be admired. The dispensing department is made available for the most urgent orders every day in the week, including *Sunday*. A dispenser is always on duty, and medicines urgently required are provided at any hour of the day or night.

Primary consideration is at all times devoted to the needs of the sick room or nursery, and every department of modern pharmacy practice is fully and exhaustively represented, any new specifics being placed at once in stock and all authorized medicines that pertain to family use being periodically added to the immense series of patent and other medicines with which the drug collections of this house are replete. Mr. SUNNER has himself introduced and specialised several items, the quality and efficacy of which are more than adequately attested by the large and increasing demand they possess in this district. One of the principal of these is a compound of quinine and iron tonic, a preparation that has asserted its

superiority over all others of the kind by the rapid revival of impaired appetites and the speedy restoration of physical strength, which are its invariable advantages. The ideal of a mild aperient and cooling draught is presented in Mr. SUNNER's digestive saline, while the cod liver oil, as prepared at this establishment, is marked by a perfect absence of those disagreeable features that have hitherto prevented the more general use thereof among people of delicate stomachs.

Mr. SUNNER's aromatic mouth-wash presents a saponaceous composite of valuable antiseptic properties, and his Elder Flower and Cucumber has all the desirable qualifications of a cosmetic and a preservative of the skin during all seasons of the year. A great source of relief for tender feet is noted in Mr. SUNNER's foot powder, and a similar specific is presented in his effectual corn cure, which dispenses entirely with the use of those strong acids which only produce pain and sometimes do not bring about a decisive cure. To those who believe that

the instantaneous cure of toothache is a matter of impossibility, Mr. SUNNER's toothache specific will be a revelation, considering that it not only effects an *immediate cure*, but is marked by its perfect harmlessness and simplicity of application. The above specialities have obtained universal recognition in this neighbourhood and have done much to extend the reputation of this depôt as a centre for the acquisition of pure, genuine, and efficacious medicines.

Among the leading doctors no establishment is better known or more frequently recommended to patients than the Medical Hall. As a pharmaceutical and family chemist adhering stringently to the best principles of modern drug trade, Mr. SUNNER has acquired the unreserved confidence and support of a much-augmented *clientèle*, while his liberality, courtesy, and professional skill are well known, contributing to maintain undiminished the repute already well founded in the eminence of the establishment.

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#### JOHN HIGHER, Plumber, Gasfitter, and Hydraulic Engineer, 4, Marlboro' Street, Cork.

THE proverbial excellence of sanitation in Cork has been largely upheld by the successful operations of those high-class business concerns of which that conducted by Mr. JOHN HIGHER, of Cork, is a notable example; and this eminent undertaking has acquired a repute and standing that represent the results of thirty-seven years' honourable enterprise, and is at the present time second to none in the City for everything concerning the plumbing and gasfitting industries. The large and well-established connection which the proprietor commands in this neighbourhood has been cultivated by his assiduous endeavour to improve the resources of the trade and to provide, on reasonable terms, substantial plumbing and sanitary work embodying every improvement introduced therein during his long and prosperous term of business. From first to last all matters have been guided under his immediate personal supervision, and this fact alone has greatly contributed to the uniform efficiency and finish which characterise all the operations of this house. Mr. HIGHER was instrumental in introducing an improved principle of sewage, which continues to find ready adoption and recognition. In soil-pipe ventilators, force and deep-well pumps, hydraulic rams, lavatories, and urinals many new and ingenious features have been also introduced, and the fitting up of pumps, hot and cold water baths, and water closets has long formed a leading department of Mr. HIGHER's comprehensive work. Mr. HIGHER, some two years ago, supplied a high-pressure and water supply to the Eccles Hotel, Glengariff. The supply is obtained from a mountain stream about a mile from the hotel. The fire hydrants, of which there are several, are placed in front and rear of the hotel, and command the whole of the building. The water so obtained is of excellent purity and the supply inexhaustible. The employes are well trained in the use of fire-extinguishing appliances, and the above facts alone must tend greatly to increase the comfort of visitors to this capital hotel. The suc-

cessful application to greenhouses, churches, and public buildings of a perfect hot-water apparatus has greatly added to the proprietor's repute as a sanitary engineer of the first order, and not the least important operations engaged in are those pertaining to the fitting of ranges, stoves, and boilers—these being provided to order and with due consideration for the requirements of each special case. The spacious shop or showroom in Marlboro' Street enables patrons to gain an adequate impression of the many advances that have been made in every branch of plumbing work. Much taste is shown in the arrangement of the front window and of the extensive range of sanitary accessories with which the stock is replete. Gas and water fittings are conspicuously represented, and the chandeliers, brackets, and hall lamps exhibit the high standard of artistic completeness to which these have been brought. All the numerous designs which the proprietor has himself conceived and wrought out in sanitary appliances are here duly illustrated, and for the display of all the smaller brass subjects numerous show cases are made available; gas globes, in all the most fashionable developments, being here also shown. At the rear of the shop is a commodious and suitably appointed office, and the premises above are devoted to all the practical operations of the business. The work involved in the Cork establishment necessitates the employment of a staff of some twenty hands, all of whom are artisans of experience, specially skilled and conversant with all the features of the high-class plumbing industry and trade. The whole contracts and undertakings engaged in are invariably of a character consistent with the elevated standing of the house, and are carried through with due regard for economy. Mr. HIGHER's well-known and long-tried abilities command ready confidence, and the details of the work are sustained with the exacting care to be expected of one who is a registered plumber and member of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers.



**PATRICK CAHILL, Wholesale Manufacturer of Tin Plate, Sheet Iron, and Zinc Ware,  
Drawbridge Street, Cork.**

THIS important industrial-undertaking was established a quarter of a century ago by Mr. PATRICK CAHILL, the present sole proprietor, wholesale manufacturer of tin-plate, sheet-iron, and zinc ware, and, from the conspicuous success it has attained in the ranks of commercial enterprise in the City of Cork, fully merits a place of honour in these records of the mercantile progress of the South of Ireland. The premises occupied by Mr. CAHILL are conveniently situated in Drawbridge Street near the Mathew Statue, and comprise large warehouse and workshop extending 100 feet to the rear, with well-appointed office at the entrance. The workshops adjoining are of spacious dimensions and are fully equipped with modern plant and appliances of improved construction for facilitating the processes of production, motive force being supplied to the machinery by a powerful "Otto" gas engine of the newest type. The warehouse is also utilised for the novel machines constructed to manufacture canisters, tin boxes, milk pans, and other stamped ware and sheet-

iron work. These machines are of ingenious design stamping with one blow a box into shape, and at the same time closing the seams so securely that they require no soldering process, thus effecting an economy of time and labour little short of marvellous. The leading speciality manufactured by the proprietor consists of every description of dairy utensils, in which Mr. CAHILL was successful in obtaining the Prize Medal awarded at the Cork Exhibition of 1883, in addition to the jurors' special commendation for superior excellence of pattern and workmanship. The other productions of the factory include oil cans, drums, measures, and every requisite for oil merchants; plain and ornamental packages for export merchants; and all kinds of tin-plate, sheet-iron, and zinc ware. The business employs the services of about twelve workmen in the various departments, in order to keep pace with the ever increasing demands of the trade, Mr. CAHILL supplying the leading buyers in the country with goods manufactured by him, and his trade mark is well known and held in high repute in the principal markets of the kingdom.

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**PUNCH & CO., Tea Merchants and Wholesale Grocers, Academy Street, Cork.**

AN old and well-established house in the annals of Cork trade and commerce is presented in that of Messrs. PUNCH AND CO., whose association with the grocery trade of that City extends over a period of thirty years, and whose high repute and *prestige* in the South of Ireland is the outcome of well-directed enterprise. A notable change has been recently effected in the general character of the business in its complete adaptability to the wholesale trade exclusively, and this departure has been signalized by the transference of all operation from the original location in Patrick Street to the new premises in Academy Street, where the ample space at the firm's disposal and the central and convenient nature of the situation are alike favourable to the satisfactory conduct of the business, which has given evidence of great development and expansion. While transacting as wholesale grocers, Messrs. PUNCH AND CO. have successfully opened out a splendid trade in everything that can be expected to enter into the exhaustive category of general supplies. The numerous departments represent the productions of quite a large number of manufacturers. A speciality of the house is the famous blends of Ceylon and Indian teas, which rank as the finest products of their kind, and the firm have advanced to a place of the first eminence as tea merchants in Ireland.

In Messrs. PUNCH's transactions there are illustrated all the features of *direct trading*. Through the medium of their brokers in London, they purchase complete market lots at first hand from the growers and owners

of the principal tea gardens in Ceylon and India, and are thus enabled to confer upon their customers advantages quite unattainable by firms not possessing the same. In the extensive series of teas submitted to the choice of the trade, there are represented and included many of the finest examples of the favourite beverage brought into this country. The Indian teas, as presented by Messrs. PUNCH, are characterised by fragrance and strength, while the products of Ceylon—now admittedly the leading centre of tea growth—are marked by the only rich flavour that can distinguish Ceylon teas among all others. Teas from all the most renowned estates of Ceylon and India are all fully represented, and no better teas are to be found than in the magnificent selections of Messrs. PUNCH & Co.

We know of no house in the country that has so well justified its precedence in this trade, or has so established its claim to the creditable place it occupies in this particular line. Of a firm so widely and favourably known it is obviously needless to say more within the compass of the present brief sketch than that they have made every provision for the exigencies of a steadily increasing wholesale trade; and no effort is relaxed to maintain the very enviable name which the firm have acquired, throughout the southern and midland counties of Ireland, through their travellers as merchants, taking the utmost interest in their constituents and anticipating their needs in a manner which places the house in the front rank among the exclusively wholesale tea merchants.

## BRUSH AND BELLOWS MANUFACTURING IN CORK.

JEROME HEGARTY, Brush Manufacturer, &amp;c., &amp;c., South Gate Bridge, Cork.

*Retail Dépôt:* The "Lee Express," 32, Great George Street, Cork (above Court House).

"A NEW broom sweeps clean" is a very old axiom, the truth of which is just as forcibly brought before us to-day as at any period. Time was when there were no brushes or brooms, and the wonder is how the careful housemaid of that date managed to clear the house from dirt and dust; and, about our streets and thoroughfares, how these were swept must be a mystery. Now, we suppose, a broom or brush of some sort is to be found in every household down to the poorest. Cleanliness is next to godliness, we are told, and this is applicable to all stations of life; at the same time one seems as difficult of attainment as the other. Take, for instance, the case of any average housekeeper: the new broom, which at the start sweeps so clean, has no sooner been in use a week or two than it begins to wear, and contracts a bad habit of leaving the dust in corners, &c. It therefore behoves every one who requires one of these useful adjuncts to cleanliness to find, if possible, a *manufacturer* who turns out an article which will last some considerable time before signs of tear and wear become painfully apparent. In this connection we have pleasure in assisting merchants, warehousemen, and the like interested by giving the manufactory of Mr. JEROME HEGARTY prominent notice in these reviews. Established only about two years ago, the large connection which has already been formed speaks well for the high-class quality of the goods manufactured. This much, however, must be said: the fact of the business having received the direct personal guidance and supervision of the proprietor, Mr. HEGARTY, must be reckoned with in dealing with the main elements of the success of this firm. A young gentleman of high attainments and thorough practical and theoretical skill in every department of his trade, Mr. HEGARTY brings into service abilities which fully entitle him to hold a

foremost position in connection with the industry of brush manufacturing in Ireland. The manufactory is at present situate on the Quay, close by the South Gate Bridge. The several different departments are admirably equipped with all the necessary machinery for carrying on the numerous operations involved in the manufacture, and is one of the most complete and carefully-arranged establishments of this kind in the South of Ireland. All sorts of brushes are manufactured. When we say that these range from the large road roll brush down to the finest cloth and hat brushes the extent of the operations carried on can be imagined. An efficient number of hands are employed at the factory, and the trade, which is of a fast-increasing character, extends principally over the City of Cork, suburbs, and South of Ireland. In addition to brushes of every description Mr. HEGARTY also supplies bellows of the best make, and in this department a substantial business has been acquired.

A splendid variety of brushes is always in stock at the retail dépôt and at the manufactory. Bass brooms (all prices), ordinary hair brooms, best japanned bristle brooms, best banister brushes (japanned and plain, all sizes), fibre brooms (cocoa or common), shoe brushes (all sizes, all prices, all qualities), scrubbing brushes ditto, blacklead ditto, tube brushes, bottle brushes, mops, cloth brushes, best dandy and carriage brushes, horse and water brushes, spoke brushes, brushes for use on railways, ships, and farms, &c.; also in distilleries, breweries, &c., &c. The enterprising and energetic spirit which characterises the management affords every reason for believing that the business has a bright and prosperous future before it, and the first-class quality of the goods manufactured is in every way suited to enhance its reputation. Success, we say, to such a spirited manufacturer!

## E. WALLIS HOARE, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Establishment, 18, Cook Street, Cork.

THE conditions of life under which humanity exists have greatly altered within the past generation, and the change has in many ways affected our domestic animals as well as ourselves. The arts of the chemist and inventor have been taxed to produce new condiments and artificial feeding stuff, &c., but in many cases the employments to which we put our horses in modern times have so far affected their health and physical condition that old methods of treatment have, to a certain extent, become not only useless but dangerous quackery. In connection with this branch of professional science, we may specially refer to the well-known veterinary establishment conducted by Mr. E. WALLIS HOARE, M.R.C.V.S., as eminently fulfilling the requirements of a first-class undertaking of this character. The establishment is centrally situated at 18, Cork Street, the premises, entered by a wide gateway, comprising neatly appointed office on the left, over which is the surgery and drug stores, reached by an

ornamental spiral staircase, and which contain a large supply of chemicals and other preparations used in the treatment of horses and cattle. In the rear are the roomy loose boxes and large yard, with extensive shoeing forge, where a staff of experienced farriers is employed in this important department. Mr. HOARE enjoys a widespread reputation for his success in dealing with all the complicated ills to which modern horse-flesh is from time to time subject, and his skilful services are in constant requisition by the principal horse owners in the district. The establishment is very completely arranged throughout, the strictest attention being given by the proprietor to the most scrupulous cleanliness and the perfection of sanitary conditions; and under the admirable management of Mr. HOARE, who personally superintends every detail of the business, and whose high professional qualifications are sufficient guarantee for efficiency in each department, this institution affords every indication of future usefulness and steadily increasing popularity.



## ROBERT MERRICK, Engineer, etc., Cork.

THE development of the innumerable industries in which machinery is used has opened up a wide field of operations for the engineer and machinist, of which, it is only fair to say, ample advantage has been taken. The money value of the machinery in use, even in a few of our numerous trades, is incalculable; and the improvements made in the many appliances have in a great measure been achieved by those practical machinists who, ever on the look-out for a good thing, have turned their study and skill in this direction. The work of an engineer, millwright, or general machinist is of a very important character, and his knowledge must extend to all the ramifications of this wide and varied industry.

In this connection we may mention the establishment conducted by Mr. ROBERT MERRICK, Warren's Place Iron Works, Cork. This business was founded some half a century ago by Mr. Jeremiah Merrick, the father of the present proprietor, a gentleman well known in engineering circles. It has been a business of a continually increasing character, and the extent of the trade and the importance of the volume of operations carried on at the works entitle its assuming a high position. The varied work carried on may be gathered from the fact that Mr. MERRICK is a manufacturer of all kinds of marine and other steam engines, including a class of small engines which, for admirable fitting, general appointments, and strength, are triumphs of mechanical skill. Brewers' pumps form a large item in the steam pump production, and an extensive output is made in connection with threshing machines, water wheels of all sizes, mill machinery of every description, spur and bevel gearing, shafting, pulleys, etc. In

reference to the Indian meal machinery, which is largely produced, this notice would not be complete without mentioning that Mr. MERRICK has recently put up one—perhaps the largest specimen of this class of work which has been erected of late years in the South of Ireland. The machine shop is very extensive, measuring 80ft. by 45ft., and is lofty and well lighted; the offices and stores being at the entrance of the works. The whole establishment is well equipped with all the most improved forms of machinery and labour-saving appliances, nothing being wanting to ensure the turning of the highest class of work. Over thirty hands are employed, and these are skilled and experienced workmen in every sense of the word. The works are managed under a very efficient system, each department being under the direct personal supervision of the proprietor. It is one thing to be a good, first-class engineer, but quite another thing to make a business man in the engineering industry. In Mr. MERRICK, however, we have a gentleman qualified in both these respects; and the ability, enterprise, and sound judgment displayed by him in the conduct of this business have resulted in a position of the highest status being accorded to him by the engineering trade generally. During our visit we had the pleasure of inspecting numerous important testimonials from some of our best known firms. These have been sent to Mr. MERRICK entirely unsolicited and are in reference to and in praise of machinery erected by him and extensively used. These afford ample proof, if proof were needed, of the satisfactory manner in which the business transactions of the firm are conducted, and are, in a sense, a guarantee that the high reputation of the firm will long be maintained.

## WM. HAYNES, Fishing Tackle Manufacturer, 63, Patrick Street, Cork.

WITHOUT taking into consideration the "giant angler" mentioned in Chalmers's *British Poets*, whose rod was "made of a sturdy oak; his line a cable, which in storms ne'er broke," we may safely hazard the suggestion that there are anglers and anglers, varying in degree from the extensively and expensively equipped follower of the gentle art to the boy content with "bent pin and hickory stick" for a rig out. It may generally be taken that any angler who takes a pride in his art is always pleased to find a fishing-tackle merchant who, in the words of the immortal Izaak, is "a Brother of the Angle." When such a man is found, his address should be "made a note of," for not only is the angler more likely under these circumstances to obtain articles exactly suited to his requirements, but, be he never so experienced, may also gain much information as regards tackle required for each variety of fish and the best way and most likely times for using it. We therefore give a deservedly prominent position in these notices of the old-established house of Mr. WILLIAM HAYNES, of

63, Patrick Street, Cork. Established over thirty-five years ago by the present proprietor, the business holds a high and influential position in connection with the art. The business premises, situated in one of the finest streets in the City of Cork, consists of an unpretentious little single shop, conveying no idea of the extensive business there carried on. Mr. HAYNES—who is a manufacturer and owns extensive workshops near by—is ably assisted in the business by his son; Mr. Haynes, junr., being a very pleasant, agreeable, and obliging young fellow of some twenty-five years of age. The extensive character of the trade done by this house may be gathered from the fact that, in addition to a large and valuable local connection, tackle, etc., is sent all over England, Scotland, and Ireland; largely to India, where Mr. HAYNES has a large circle of customers; and many other places in all parts of the world. The local trade alone offers splendid opportunities for an enterprising tradesman in this line of business, for anglers in the South of Ireland are not

numbered by tens, but by hundreds and thousands. The business has been very successful throughout, and the reputation of the house has been much enhanced by the fact that *quality* has always been its leading trade feature, and that all goods are manufactured by the firm. The shop is tastefully fitted, glass cases all round containing rare flies of every variety and description. The large and comprehensive stock may be said to comprise every angler's requisite from the smallest guts to top boots and fisherman's "waders." Amongst the numerous specialities of this firm, we may mention salmon and trout fly rods (entire Greenheart); ash, hickory, and lancewood rods of every description; artificial flies in great variety, including a large and superior assortment of salmon, grilse, and mahseer flies suitable for India, Norway, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and the European and American continents. These are specially recommended and are made by a practical salmon fisher. We also find a splendid selection of trout and salmon fly and trolling lines, plaited hemp lines, hooks of every variety and description, landing handles, French baskets, reels and floats of all sizes, waterproof fishing trousers and boots, and all varieties of artificial and other baits. In connection with the last item we may notice the "Archer Spinner," of which Mr. WILLIAM HAYNES is the sole inventor and patentee. The fact that this patent spinner can be used with almost every kind of bait, whether natural or artificial

—although specially adapted for the former—and that all the different kinds of baits can be put on the one spinner and changed to the other without a moment's loss of time or any injury to the baits, should make it invaluable to anglers generally. These spinners, too, are supplied at a price within the means of all. Another very useful article of Mr. HAYNES' invention is the "Blarney" prawn tackle, mounted with double-gilt hooks. The special advantage in the use of this is that the salmon is rarely missed in the strike, and all danger of smashing the hooks is entirely done away with. The special attention and experience so characteristic of this firm are now being devoted to the manufacture of powerful tackle and hooks suited to the "mahseer" and other Indian fish, with what successful and satisfactory results may be deduced from the facts that numerous flattering testimonials are being constantly received from officers and other gentlemen resident in India. The enterprise and tact, the judgment and experience, which have so long and so ably maintained the high reputation of this house, are as prominent to-day as at any period of its existence; and we feel confident that, under the present system of efficient management, the establishment has a still further augmented era of prosperity before it in years to come. Both Mr. WM. HAYNES and his son are gentlemen widely known and respected by a large circle of friends in the City of Cork and the surrounding district.

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#### T. D. O'BRIEN & CO., Munster Woollen Warehouse, 37, Patrick Street, Cork.

In reviewing the leading woollen merchants in the South of Ireland prominent distinction must be assigned to T. D. O'BRIEN & Co. Amongst the representative houses in this important trade we have pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the old-established firm of Messrs. T. D. O'BRIEN & Co., proprietors of the well-known Munster Woollen Warehouse, as thoroughly typical of this branch of commercial activity. The business was founded upwards of thirty-five years ago by the present sole proprietor, Mr. T. D. O'Brien, and has been continued under the style which heads this notice with ever-increasing success. The premises occupied by the firm, and known as the Munster Woollen Warehouse, are situated at 37, Patrick Street, near the Victoria Hotel, and comprise commodious building with handsome plate-glass windows, utilised for the display of a well-selected assortment of woollens, tweeds, &c. The interior is of suitable dimensions and is well appointed throughout with substantial counters, shelves, &c., providing every facility for the storage of the large and comprehensive stock held by the firm. This embraces the finest qualities of Irish and Scotch tweeds in all the newest patterns, West of England superfines, worsteds and tweeds, Melton and Yorkshire cloths, and an immense variety of tailors' trimmings, small wares, and other requisites of the trade. The stock is replete with new

and attractive goods for each season as it recurs, and Messrs. O'BRIEN's specialities in Irish tweeds are notable examples of the productions of this industry. An extensive and valuable *clientèle* has been established by Messrs. O'BRIEN, who do an extensive wholesale trade in Cork, Dublin, and the South and West of Ireland generally, and a widespread connection among retail buyers in the City. The services of an efficient staff of travellers, warehousemen, and assistants are employed in the several departments of the business, which is admirably organised in every detail under the personal supervision of the principal, whose extended association with the trade ensures the perfection of order, system, and regularity in the management of the establishment. Mr. O'BRIEN is well known and highly respected in local commercial circles, and has, by the energy and enterprise which have distinguished his mercantile career, secured for the undertaking over which he so ably presides a well-deserved eminence in the ranks of successful business enterprises in the City.

In addition to the premises in Patrick Street, Messrs. O'BRIEN have well-appointed warehouses in Faulkner's Lane, Cork, where the bulk stock is held and where the wholesale orders are executed from. Mr. O'BRIEN is also senior partner in the extensive drapery premises known as the Munster Warehouse Co., 27 and 28, Patrick Street.



## WILLIAM LYNCH,

Oil and Colour Merchant and Wax Chandler, 8, Great George Street ;  
and Tobin Street, Cork.

Few branches of trade flourish more prosperously in Ireland than that of the Wax Chandler, a fact sufficiently apparent from the great demand that exists throughout the country for candles to be devoted to ecclesiastical purposes. In this one department of commerce many firms have acquired their entire distinction, and, with reference particularly to that part of the country comprehended within the scope of the present work, it is already a matter of established trade history that the eminent Cork house now conducted by Mr. WILLIAM LYNCH has borne an important and distinguished part in providing the clergy throughout the province of Munster with all the chandlery and other accessories of the altar and sanctuary. This old and highly reputed business dates back over a period of half a century, and has been directed under the continuous proprietary of the same family to which Mr. LYNCH belongs. It is thirty years since the present name was adopted, and since then the business has appreciably benefited from the various improvements in candle-making. It has become the recognised centre for all the various descriptions of first-class chandlery, and its productions have been brought to the standard of durability, purity, and refined composition by which candles of the first order are now characterised.

One great feature of Mr. WILLIAM LYNCH's control of the business has been his introduction, during the past three decades, of many celebrated specialities in candle manufacture, such as those now known as LYNCH's embossed candles, LYNCH's rubrical wax candles, and LYNCH's Hibernian candles; and at the exhibition of 1883 he was the recipient of Honourable Mention for plain and decorated candles, designed to serve all the artistic and chaste phases of altar decoration. Among the many church requisites by which these have been supplemented are plain and ornamented Paschal candles, made from the finest wax only and designed in strict accordance with the approved ecclesiastical formula, while such accessories as fragrant incense, charcoal, sanctuary oil, and other specially imported items have received the proprietor's best consideration; and, apart from the excellence of his own specialities, there are no more popular chandlery requisites than those supplied by the famous two firms of Tucker and Hancher Bros., for both of whom Mr. LYNCH is agent. *Trier*, the most ancient and one of the most celebrated cities of Rhenish Prussia, on the Moselle, where the above-named specialities are produced, is a great centre of soap and candle manufacture, and its ecclesiastical productions have few rivals on the Continent. With the obvious desire of adapting his business more

thoroughly to the needs of an extensive *clientèle* among the Irish clergy, Mr. LYNCH has entered upon a scheme of extension which will enable him to carry out the entire operations of candle manufacture under the best conditions. At present the front premises in Great George Street mainly consist of a large shop, office, and store, open to the second floor with a surrounding gallery, while those at the rear, with entrance from Tobin Street, on the other side of that street and immediately opposite, are being fitted up with a splendid service of candle-making machinery, and it is expected that the industry will be represented on a scale of completeness consistent with the importance of the business and the great and constant demands made upon its resources.

As a merchant in oils and colours, Mr. LYNCH transacts a large and prosperous business in conjunction with his other operations as wax chandler. In his warehouse no fewer than thirty-seven varieties of oil are represented, and these rank prominently among a comprehensive series of drysalteries, which embrace all kinds of dry colours, colours ground in oil, dryers, white leads, sheet lead, varnishes, staining powders, gums, dye stuffs, ink, wicks, brushes, soaps, sperm and composites (candles), night lights, sand papers, greases, cements, and an immense range of useful goods under the general category of sundries. Attention may be directed to the manner in which Mr. LYNCH has provided for the requirements of glaziers in numerous kinds of window glass, embossed and ornamented glass, and diamonds made by the well-known firm of Messrs. Sharratt and Newth.

As a patent medicine vendor, Mr. LYNCH presents an extensive range of favoured and established specifics; and by no means the least important section of the business is that which comprehends the supply of biscuits, groceries, spices, and preserves, of all which commodities he holds most exhaustive assortments. The great use of Aniline dyes in various departments of industry has tended to render this a special feature of the business, and "LYNCH's Simple Dyes" has become quite a household word. It is manifestly impossible to devote to the details of this extensive business that adequate treatment in the present review which its importance and standing may be expected to warrant, but sufficient has probably been said to indicate its enviable position in the trade of the southern counties; and, under the assiduous and enterprising direction of its esteemed principal, it gives promise of even greater development, as well as the continuous enhancement, of a reputation that is of many years' endurance.

**BOOTH & FOX, Feather Merchants, Woven Wire Mattress, Curled Hair and Curled Hair Mattress, Bedding, and Eider Down Quilt Manufacturers, Lavitt's Quay, Cork.**

AN important factor in the industrial activity which has so greatly contributed to the commercial eminence of the City of Cork is supplied by the well-known firm of Messrs. BOOTH & FOX. This highly important enterprise dates back in its foundation to the year 1825 and unquestionably ranks at the head of its special department of trade.

The premises in Cork comprise a very fine and spacious block of buildings of varying elevations, and constituting one of the most prominent architectural features of the City. Apart from its handsome exterior, the works are elegantly equipped and appointed, no expense having been spared to bring the establishment up to the highest possible standard of efficiency. Fully three hundred hands are employed in the various departments, and, during the busiest season of the year, even this number of employes experiences augmentation.



The business of the firm includes all the branches incidental to wholesale bedding and mattress manufacture. They are the largest importers of feathers in the United Kingdom, and send out in the purified state to traders at home and in the Colonies. The special feature of the firm's operations is, however, the manufacture of eider-down quilts, which for economy, lightness, warmth, durability, beauty, and purity are said to be unrivalled in the market. Messrs. BOOTH & FOX are also extensive manufacturers of ladies' down underskirts, the advantages of which mainly consist in the fact that they respectively weigh from 18 to 24 ounces, and yet, in addition to being as soft as cushions, can be washed with the down inside as readily as a quilt. For ladies desirous of protecting themselves

against the severities of an easterly wind there is no garment to compare with the down vests which Messrs. BOOTH & FOX so extensively manufacture. The highest medical testimony has been borne to the efficiency and value of the firm's eider-down productions, a notable reference being made in Dr. Thomas J. Graham's "Treatise on Domestic Medicine," wherein the author remarks: "Heavy quilts and counterpanes I disapprove of as covering for beds; but have pleasure in recommending the down quilts made by BOOTH & FOX as light, warm, elegant, and inexpensive." A great advantage of these quilts consists in their entire freedom from that tendency to oppress, and, while they abundantly retain the natural animal heat of the wearer, they freely admit of air, and in no sense do they disturb free ventilation. The firm possess the amplest facilities for the purification of the down—a highly important consideration. Professor Atfield states: "Raw down contains greasy matters and particles of decaying skin, and, if not thoroughly purified, has a disagreeable odour. . . . The machinery used by BOOTH & FOX answers perfectly in removing all impurities."

The firm's successes at the various International Exhibitions of the past thirty years indicate the vast superiority of their goods over rival houses. Among these medallic rewards must be mentioned the great London Exhibition, 1862; Dublin, 1865; Cork, 1883; Melbourne, 1881; and Dublin, 1882. From the facts we have placed before the readers of these industrial and commercial reviews, it will be at once observed that, in every instance of the firm's manufacture, the leading feature consists in really superior quality of material and workmanship.

The business is confined to the wholesale department, and the firm have a very large and influential connection in all parts of the world. At 81, Hatton Garden (London), and Piccadilly (Manchester) Messrs. BOOTH & FOX have extensive branch establishments; while an efficient staff of travelling representatives serve the firm in all parts of the British Empire. The trade of the house is continually increasing both in the scope of its influence and volume. Messrs. BOOTH & FOX have achieved an unmistakable success—a success due, no doubt, in the fullest sense, to the energy and ability displayed in its management.

**ROBERT DAY & SON, Saddlers and Harness Makers, 103, Patrick Street, Cork.**

ONE of the most prominent houses in Ireland engaged in the manufacture of saddlery and harness is that of Messrs. ROBERT DAY & SON, of No. 103, Patrick Street, Cork. The business was founded by Mr. Robert Day, father and grandfather of the present senior and junior partners respectively. The house dates back to the year 1831, and since its inception has greatly exerted its influence to bring the saddlery and harness manu-

facture of Ireland to its present high degree of perfection, and is justly regarded throughout the trade as one of its principal representatives. The fine premises in Patrick Street possess an excellent double frontage, and on the lofty plate-glass windows is displayed a choice selection of the many items of interest, as well as trade specialties, in which the firm deals. The interior showrooms are elegantly appointed and stocked to repletion with a most



comprehensive stock, embracing single, double, tandem, and four-horse harness in silver, brass, or covered mountings; military and hunting saddles of any weight; and side saddles made on London trees for home trade and exportation. A large trade is also carried on in port-manteaus, made on the premises; trunks, hat-cases, canvas and enamelled hide travelling bags, clipping machines, scissors, combs, and singeing lamps; horse clothing, rugs and rollers, knee caps, band-ages, stable brushes, bits, bridles, whips, and spurs; walking canes, riding and driving coats, rugs, aprons, and leggings; and in short every requisite of the stable, paddock, and hunting field. A large stock is also held in athletic and sporting appliances, including all the outfits necessary to both Rugby and Association teams; lawn tennis racquets, balls, poles, nets, cricket balls, bats, and all the essential equipments of the game. The stock, which is not of the firm's own manufacture, has been selected with wise discrimination, and to cash buyers in this and other departments the prices quoted will compare not unfavourably with those which rule at the leading co-operative stores of the empire. The capacious workshops and leather stores are at rear and have a separate approach from 3 and 4, Bowling Green

Street. These works are completely equipped with the most modern appliances, the special plant affording the utmost facilities for producing the highest class of work and for executing all orders with both precision and dispatch. These aims are still further ensured by the energetic management and the close system of supervision which prevail throughout each department. A large and efficient staff of workmen is constantly employed in manufacturing goods of every description required in the saddlery and harness departments from the finest quality and most carefully selected leathers and other materials, and for these features—excellence of the workmanship and perfection in every detail—these goods bear a standard reputation in whatsoever part of the world they are consigned to. The connections of the house both at home and abroad are of an influential character, and the management is such that the trade is ever increasing in volume and enhancing in value. The senior partner is a Justice of the Peace for the City of Cork and is one of Cork City's most esteemed commercial and social magnates. We gladly accord to this house a commendatory notice in our historical reviews of famous industrial concerns in this part of the kingdom.

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#### KEANE & TURNBULL, Tailors and Habit Makers, Grand Parade, Cork.

THERE are certain departments of industrial activity in which the grand old City of Cork, by virtue of efficient, old-established, and thoroughly representative mercantile institutions, will compare not unfavourably with either the Irish or English metropolis. The sartorial department is one of these. London is unquestionably deemed by many of our wealthy and fashionably-attired gentry the very "Mecca" of sartorial art and the only source of elegant style and perfect fit in both ladies' and gentlemen's costumes. At the risk of being deemed heretical in our judgment, we join issue with the proposition, fully assured that, in the old-established business house of MESSRS. KEANE & TURNBULL, of Grand Parade, Cork, we have a firm of military, clerical, and ladies' tailors whose productions, judged by the severest canons of æsthetic criticism, will compare not unfavourably with the most artistic garments procurable at the West End of London. The firm of MESSRS. KEANE & TURNBULL is one of exceptionally long standing, having been established in the early years of the present century. It is hardly necessary to intimate that neither of the founders is now connected with the concern, but in Mr. D. D. Keane, son of the original senior partner, the house has a sole proprietor who maintains the ancient dignity of the establishment in all its pristine vigour and administers the general affairs of the business with enhanced and ever-augmenting success. The premises occupy an unsurpassedly advantageous position, its long neat frontage and carefully-screened windows (in which all sartorial display is avoided) giving indication of the exclusively high-class character of the business conducted within. The interior is fitted up in a superior style and well arranged for the display and storage of the large and varied stock. To the rear are the several cutting-rooms, as well as

fitting-on apartments both for ladies and gentlemen. The premises also contain extensive warehouse accommodation, large and well-equipped workshops, and all the accessories of a thoroughly organized establishment. MESSRS. KEANE & TURNBULL hold a large and comprehensive stock of cloths, including all the best makes in black and coloured supers; fancy coatings and trouserings; serges; meltons; English and Scotch tweeds; Cheviots; homespun checks and stripes in great variety; Bedford and other cords; and a very choice selection of ladies' cloths suitable for tailor-made costumes, jackets, riding habits, etc. Of military, clerical, and ladies' tailoring the firm makes a speciality, turning out articles of the most exquisite fit. The entire stock is of unrivalled quality, selected from the best sources with sound practical discrimination and with a special view to the requirements of an aristocratic connection. Every branch of the business is carried out on the premises, the cutting-out department receiving the personal supervision of Mr. Keane, and this advantage, combined with the employment of only first-class cutters and workmen, ensures that perfection of fit and correctness of style for which the establishment is so justly celebrated. As we have already indicated, Mr. Keane possesses the advantage of long and thorough practical experience, and to this we will add that he is well known and highly esteemed throughout County Cork and enjoys the confidence and support of a very extensive and aristocratic *clientèle*, which includes the name of almost every county family of rank and social influence both in the City and for very many miles around. It is a distinct pleasure to accord to a house of such present influence and honourable antecedents a deservedly pre-eminent rank in our reviews of leading Irish industrial enterprises.

## JOHN O'CONNELL &amp; SON, House and Church Decorators,

87, North Main Street, Cork.

THE remarkable development of every branch of art study within recent years, fostered, doubtless, by the schools of design now to be found in all our great centres of population, has to a large extent tended to a marked improvement in the requirements of popular taste in this direction, and this is more especially to be noted in connection with the interior and external decoration of our public and private buildings.

Of the leading firms engaged in this important department of art industry in the City of Cork, special distinction must be assigned to the old-established and eminent house of Messrs. JOHN O'CONNELL & SON, House and Church Decorators, whose record of achievements in the business very justly entitles them to prominence in this *resumé* of the chief commercial institutions of the South of Ireland. This important undertaking was established twenty years ago by the late Mr. John O'Connell, who, before commencing business on his own account, had been manager for fifteen years to the late Mr. Thomas Dixon, who carried on much the largest and best decorating business in the South of Ireland. Mr. O'Connell, senior, had also been previously well trained by his uncle, Mr. C. O'Connell, who had been established in Cork since the beginning of the century. With the experience thus gained it is by no means surprising that the business inaugurated by Mr. O'Connell was from the first a signal success, and, assisted by his son, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, the firm at once assumed the leading position in the trade, which has been maintained down to the present time. In 1883 Mr. O'Connell, senior, died, and the control of the business then passed into the hands of his son, who has by his well-directed energy and skill worthily upheld the best traditions of the house.

The premises occupied by the firm are situate at 87, North Main Street, and comprise spacious warehouse with large showroom on the ground floor, in which is displayed a splendid assortment of all the newest designs in British and foreign paper-hangings and other artistic and decorative materials of the highest quality. In the rear are situate commodious workshops for the accommodation of the departments of indoor work, the whole arrangements being on a scale of completeness and efficiency necessary for effectually carrying out the operations of the business.

The leading features of the trade are the completion

of extensive contracts for house and ecclesiastical decoration and restoration; and it may interest our readers if we detail, as far as the limits of our space permit, some of the more notable orders executed by the firm. These include the work in connection with the decoration of the mansions of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Cork; The Earl of Kenmare, Killarney; Sir George St. J. Colthurst, D.L., Blarney Castle; M. Murray, Esq., D.L., Beech Hill; J. W. McMullen, Esq., J.P., Clontmorn; Major H. P. Chearnley, D.L., Cappoquin; John Murphy, Esq., J.P., Annemount; M. D. Daly, Esq., J.P., Clevehill; J. Murphy, Esq., J.P., Ashton; James A. Nicolson, Esq., Montenotte; James J. Murphy, Esq., J.P., Passage West; S. H. Newsom, Esq., Blackrock; James Murphy, Esq., J.P., Ringmahon; John Hegarty, Esq., City View; and many other of the titled nobility and landed gentry in the country. In ecclesiastical work the firm can justly boast an unbeaten record, the contracts undertaken in this department including the following Roman Catholic edifices in Cork, viz.:—St. Mary's Cathedral, SS. Peter and Paul, St. Francis', Holy Trinity, St. Patrick's, St. Finbarres', and the Cathedral. In addition, Messrs. O'CONNELL have at various times been entrusted with the decoration of the principal churches in Blackrock, Ballincollig, Cloghroe, Farren, Kildorrey; and Protestant places of worship at Glanmire, Rathclaren, Frankfield, Douglas, and many other districts. The firm has also executed work of this character for the chapels of the convents of Good Shepherd, Bon Secours, St. Mary of the Isle, St. Presentation, and the Diocesan College, Cork; the Sisters of Mercy, Fermoy and Charleville; and the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock.

These records of work achieved speak with greater significance than columns of eulogy, however well deserved, and it only, therefore, remains to add that the business is capably conducted in each department under the close personal supervision of the head of the firm, whose thorough practical experience and technical skill are evidenced by the success attained by Mr. O'Connell at the South Kensington competition, this gentleman having secured no fewer than six prize awards from this source for designs and studies of painted decoration alone, and the firm also received Honourable Mention for a display of art decorative materials at the Cork Exhibition, 1883.

## GARRETT TOBIN, Wholesale and Family Grocer,

105, North Main Street, Cork.

AN important department of commercial activity is represented in this City by Mr. GARRETT TOBIN, whose well-known wholesale and family grocery warehouse, 105, North Main Street, supplies the subject of this brief descriptive notice. The business was established by Mr. TOBIN at the above address in 1884, the premises comprising a handsome and commodious shop

with fine plate-glass window of extra large size, in which is effectively arranged a varied assortment of goods of the finest quality. The interior of the establishment is of spacious proportions, extending a considerable distance to the rear, and is appointed throughout with the necessary fittings, fixtures, and utensils for the trade. The stock held by Mr. TOBIN is large and



comprehensive, and has been selected with great care and judgment from the leading produce markets, embracing the choicest growths of India, China, and Ceylon teas, blended with critical taste and unequalled in strength, pungency, and delicious flavour; coffees from the leading plantations; fruits, sugars, spices, and a great variety of Italian warehouse goods; and household and domestic requisites of every description. In the rear of the establishment is additional storage and warehouse accommodation, and here are also the stables and van shed, etc. A large and influential wholesale trade and connection have been established by Mr. TOBIN which include the resident families in Cork and its suburbs, who are periodically waited upon for orders,

which are delivered daily by a well-horsed and appointed van retained for this purpose. A very substantial and increasing wholesale trade is also done by the proprietor, who supplies a wide circle of the shopkeepers in the district and Counties Limerick and Tipperary, the business in each department giving every indication of successful future development. The services of a staff of attentive assistants are retained in the establishment, which is ably directed under the personal supervision of the principal, whose thoroughly practical knowledge of the trade and unvarying courtesy have secured for this undertaking the well-deserved confidence and support of all classes of the public in the City and its environments.

## THE COUNTY AND CITY HOUSE AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTING AND ROOM PAPER ESTABLISHMENT, 11, Great George Street, Cork.

MR. JOHN DALY, *Proprietor.*

UNDER the appropriate title that heads this brief sketch there is presented one of the oldest, and probably also one of the most notable, concerns of its kind that contribute to the interest of trade and industry in the South of Ireland. To the public of Cork few of that City's standing business institutions are more familiar than the COUNTY AND CITY HOUSE AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTING AND ROOM PAPER ESTABLISHMENT, the purposes of which are sufficiently expressed in this designation. Since as far back as the year 1829 the business has borne a distinct and individual part in the general trade of this district, and owes a large share of its present distinction to the successful operations of Mr. Dixon, by whom it was founded, and who remained at the head of its affairs until 1847. Some 15 years ago it was acquired by Mr. John Daly, and since then it has continued to advance in public support and recognition as a leading centre of all kinds of painting, paper-hanging, decorating, and glazing work. The establishment has the advantage of being spacious and lofty, and extending, as it does, far to the rear, it enables the proprietor to avail himself of the facilities for display afforded by premises of especially large and commodious dimensions. The artistic advances that have been effected in all kinds of British and foreign paper-hangings are here effectively exhibited in the numerous varieties of high-class wall-papers with which the stock is replete and which indicate the correct taste of the proprietor in their selection. A tone of considerable elegance is imparted to the appearance of the establishment by a neat and pleasing display of painting and decoration in panels, which, together with similar varieties of handiwork, illustrate an artistic and decorative skill of the highest merit. The stock of polished and sheet-glass at the rear indicates the resources at command for carrying out all the operations of a busy and extensive glazing industry, and in all other respects the premises

are arranged and appointed with the completeness to be expected of a firm holding an unrivalled repute and distinction in all the branches of a painting and decorative trade. As suggested by the title of the house Mr. John Daly devotes special consideration to all kinds of plain and ornamental painting whether for domestic or shop decoration, and all round this neighbourhood numerous dwellings and business places have come under the scope of his artistic treatment. The most scrupulous care is bestowed on all operations, and the fact that the entire work is superintended under his personal oversight has done much to promote the confidence of an influential and old-established *clientèle*, the staff engaged being artisans of well-tried capability and skill. Wherever sound and finished decoration is requisite, the work of Mr. John Daly and his assistants is regarded as imperative and indispensable; and all contracts are fulfilled with the completeness and economy of a firm thoroughly acquainted with the least expensive methods of decoration and long familiar with the adaptation of superior hangings to every condition of chromatic harmony. The proprietor displays equal skill in all kinds of glazing work, and the efficiency of his operations in this direction is adequately attested in the fact that he holds the appointment as glazier to the Plate Glass Accidental Breakage Insurance Companies. He can also undertake all insurance on plate and sheet glass against breakages and every kind of accident. The circumstance that this establishment is favoured by the liberal patronage of many of the better classes is probably the best evidence of its importance in the trade, and it only remains to be added that among the tradesmen of Cork, as well as among the general community of the City and suburbs, Mr. Daly personally enjoys the estimation and respect due to his conscientious efforts to represent the best phases of that industry in which his operations have been so notably successful.

MULLINS & SONS, Carriage Builders, Warren's Place  
and Maylor Street, Cork.

It has long been a recognised fact that in every form of constructive art the combination of beauty with strength is the happiest and wisest of combinations. In that masterpiece of architecture, the human body, the wise Master Builder has demonstrated this truth, and the poor imitations of structural perfection cannot improve upon this plan. Contrasting the present graceful equipages as they move along our thoroughfares with the description given of them in the sixteenth century—"the strange monsters" was the term applied to them by one author)—we cannot but rejoice that a wonderful development and almost incredible improvement have taken place. Even later on, since the days when coachbuilding became an important branch of Irish industrial activity, rapid strides have been accomplished in producing a light, easy, graceful, and elegant vehicle—so different from the heavy, lumbering, ill-proportioned old stager of our grandsires' day. The establishment of Messrs. MULLINS AND SONS, of Cork, affords an admirable exemplification of what can be achieved in elegant and artistic carriage-building; and in a review of Industrial Ireland it is important that the successful operations of this pre-eminent house should have an appropriate recognition.

The firm date back to the year 1843, when the business was founded in Naylor Street, Cork. The original premises, we believe, now serve chiefly as stores for the immense stock of seasoned timber which the exigencies of the firm nowadays render essential. Within the past decade the splendid new works and showrooms in Warren's Place were entered upon, and the changed sphere of operations—from every point of view—has been abundantly justified by results. Proceeding in the natural order of description, we commence our inspection of the splendid stock of well-seasoned timbers held by the firm. For this the accommodation is very complete. The fine and valuable selections comprise oak, ash, hickory, birch, elm, and mahogany, all naturally matured and well protected against the "fitful inclemencies of rain and weather." Passing to the main establishment in Warren's Place, we find that it possesses a splendidly spacious frontage to one of Cork's principal thoroughfares and rises to an altitude of four storeys. The showroom is a magnificent apartment, as may be judged from the fact that the superficial area of the ground floor measures no fewer than 5,600 feet. Here the firm exhibit a large and attractive variety of their productions in all kinds of vehicles, which are held in high esteem for elegance of design, soundness of material, and excellence of workmanship and finish. The specialties of this house in landaus, broughams, Stanhopes, barouches, Victorias, phaetons,

jaunting cars, and dog carts have long been received with great favour, and they continue to exhibit the same merits in the present day as have characterised them in the past. The firm's thorough practical knowledge of the carriage-building trade in all its branches is well manifested in the manner in which they have organized and equipped their fine workshops, where will be found every resource and appliance essential to the proper conduct of the industry engaged in. We observed an excellent lift, worked by steam power, for the easy transference of the heaviest coach from floor to floor during the several stages of construction, finally depositing it a finished article in the showrooms of the establishment. The magnitude of the firm's operations may be gauged from the fact that sixty-five hands are employed; and of these the tradesmen whose services are brought into requisition in the respective departments are evidently picked men well up to their work.

Want of space prevents us from giving more than a cursory notice, therefore we will not speak respectively of the work of the bodymakers, smiths, fitters, carriage-makers, wheelwrights, painters, trimmers, and upholsterers, but content ourselves by generalising. We may say this, however, that no important labour-saving invention is lost sight of in any department, and in every respect the firm evince a determination to uphold the credit and prestige of the splendid organization their industry and resource have created and fostered. Messrs. MULLINS AND SONS have achieved from time to time many successes in the various exhibitions of the world. Besides certificates of merit, no fewer than twelve prize medals have been secured, and this species of recognition is likely to be continually augmented so long as Messrs. MULLINS AND SONS enter their productions in competition with those of similarly engaged enterprises. The house, it is quite needless to say, controls a trade which may justly be described as cosmo-politan in character and both influential and voluminous in its connections. Orders reach Messrs. MULLINS AND SONS from Europe, Asia, Africa, and America; and even resourceful Australasia, with its many magnificently developing colonies, contributes its quota of customers to swell the valuable *clientèle* of the firm. The *personnel* of this the most significant coachbuilding concern in the South of Ireland is made up of the founder and his four sons, of whose practical ability we have already spoken. Suffice it to say in conclusion that each member of the partnership holds a high position in the social and industrial circles of the kingdom, and they well merit the splendid success which ability, application, and strict integrity have conspired to award their industrial efforts.



**T. & J. ATKINS, Pianoforte and Organ Warehouse, 117, Patrick Street, Cork.**

PROMINENT among the various business houses that sustain the high-class trade of Cork is the Pianoforte and Organ Warehouse of Messrs. T. AND J. ATKINS, a firm whose honourable transactions in this City for upwards of twenty-one years have been attended with continuous and well-merited success. Regarding the disposal of high-class pianofortes and other instruments as the only proper basis of a sound musical education, Messrs. T. AND J. ATKINS have endeavoured to maintain a distinctly high standard in every class of musical subjects to which their attention has been directed, and they have manifested a laudable spirit in leading the inclinations of the public towards such instruments as would give absolute satisfaction to an educated and intelligent metropolitan community. This fact will be apparent to all who survey the numerous attractions in pianofortes and harmoniums, with which the Patrick Street showrooms are replete. The frontage of this spacious warehouse conveys no adequate idea of its magnitude, extending as it does internally over a very lengthy stretch of floorage and affording every facility for the proper exhibition and comparison of a range of high-class instruments representative of the productions of the best makers in London, Germany, New York,

and Dublin. There are assortments of string and wind instruments, together with all the standard musical pieces bound and in folio, and the firm hold themselves in readiness to provide with equal promptitude and attentiveness for the requirements of a single person or of an entire orchestra. Theirs is the recognised house in the City for everything pertaining to the music saloon trade, and the firm hold a reputation of many years' standing for the liberality and courtesy with which they provide for the requirements of an influential *clientèle*. They enter upon all the usual operations of a superior music trade, repairing and tuning instruments and disposing of these on the ordinary terms of sale and hire; and conduct all matters with the care and discernment of a firm long conversant with the exact requirements of a music-loving public. The practical management of the business largely devolves upon Mrs. Atkins, a lady whose musical knowledge and proficiency tend to preserve the confidence of her patrons; and the family are not only widely respected in Cork, but have the honour to possess one of the best connections in the South of Ireland, where their name has become creditably identified with the development of a first-class music trade.

**D. O'SULLIVAN, General Brush Manufacturer, 27, Maylor Street, Cork.**

ONE of the oldest business houses in the City of Cork is now conducted by Mr. D. O'SULLIVAN, Brush Manufacturer, and, from its extended connection with the commercial history of the district, fully merits the attention of the readers of this work. The business was originally established in 1798 by a Mr. Varian, and was continued by that gentleman and his successors down to 1884, when it was acquired by the present proprietor. The business was removed from 105, Patrick Street, to 27, Maylor Street, and comprises large two-storied building with spacious sale warehouse and office, on the ground floor, and extensive workshops in the rear. The establishment is amply stocked with every description of brooms and brushes for trade and domestic purposes, the comprehensive list including specialities required by brewers, distillers, and mineral water manufacturers; stable requisites, ship and boat scrubbers, brooms and brushes, gun cleaners, mops, etc.; railway extra strong brooms, limers, panel brushes, &c.; house, office and shop, bakers', painters', and decorators' goods; machine brushes of all kinds; and a great variety of similar articles for the mill, factory, store, dairy, farmyard and creamery, and various other purposes. Additional premises are also occupied by Mr. O'SULLIVAN at 29, Maylor Street, comprising two-storied building, in which are conducted the operations of glueing the bristles in the woodwork of the brooms and brushes, and which, from the inflammable character of the materials used, require special precautions against the risk of fire, ensuring, by com-

plete isolation from the main buildings in case of an outbreak, the safety of the warehouse with its valuable contents. The manufactory is fully equipped throughout with the best appliances for facilitating the work, which is entirely completed by hand under the most careful supervision, thus ensuring the highest quality of workmanship in every article manufactured at this establishment. The stock of raw materials held by Mr. O'SULLIVAN is of a most extensive and very valuable character, embracing bristles and hairs of special quality expressly imported for this trade from France, Germany, Russia, Sweden, South Africa, and other parts of the world. The services of a staff of skilful and competent hands are employed in the several manufacturing departments, and the management of the whole is under the capable control of the proprietor, whose extended experience in each branch of the trade is a sufficient guarantee for the highest efficiency in the working of the undertaking. A first-class all-round trade is done by Mr. O'SULLIVAN, whose books contain the names of the principal buyers of this class of goods in the South of Ireland, including the leading brewers, distillers, mineral water manufacturers, shipowners, and shipping-houses and merchants in the City of Cork and the surrounding centres of commercial activity. Mr. O'SULLIVAN is widely known and respected in business circles, and has, by his energetic and enterprising qualities, secured a well-deserved continuance of the substantial prosperity so long associated with this old-established and ably-managed industrial undertaking.

**T. JONES & SONS, Seedsmen, 83, Grand Parade, Cork.**

CORK, as the centre of an important agricultural industry, is possessed of several highly successful seedsmen, and among the most important of these must be numbered the well-known establishment indicated at the head of this industrial sketch. The business was founded as far back as a century ago by an ancestor of the present head of the concern, and may certainly be ranked as the oldest established seed business in the City or district. The house maintains a wide influence in the seed trade of the South of Ireland, its name being well known to a very large, influential, and old-established connection. The premises in Grand Parade comprise a large and commodious shop, which is devoted to the purposes of the very extensive business engaged in by the firm, and is most appropriately fitted up as a showroom and sale warehouse for seeds, bulbs, flowers, plants, manures, and agricultural implements of every description. The firm take the greatest care and most elaborate precautions to ensure perfection of quality in all their seeds, and work their business upon principles which allow of only the best and most reliable goods being sent out to their customers. In this way they have won an eminent and substantial reputation, and gained the full confidence of their clients in all parts of the country over which their connection extends. Messrs. T. JONES & SONS have specialties in every department of the trade and are equally noted for farm and garden seeds, vegetable and flower seeds of every kind, roots and bulbs, and all descriptions of flowering plants. Many of their numerous varieties in

these several lines have won great favour and renown for the very excellent satisfaction they afford, and the firm have a reputation for the frequent introduction of successful novelties. At the great Cork Exhibition of 1883 Messrs. T. JONES & SONS secured the first prize medal, the reward of the jurors intimating that the firm's exhibits were "all of first-rate quality and well worthy of the medal." The firm's admirably arranged and thoroughly comprehensive catalogues are well worthy of careful perusal, their contents forming a good index to the exceptionally large and varied stocks held. The resources of the house readily admit of the heaviest demands of customers being met with the most satisfactory promptitude and dispatch. The trade is wholesale and retail in character and extends over the whole of Southern Ireland. A large and competent staff of hands is employed, and the business in its entirety is certainly one of the best-conducted and most prosperous concerns of its kind in the kingdom. Its affairs are personally administered by Mr. Thos. Jones and Mr. John Jones, sons of the late proprietor. These gentlemen are highly esteemed throughout the entire commercial and social circles of the district. Such an ably-administered establishment is a standing protest and rebuke to a large number of Irish landed gentry who purchase in England, at exorbitant prices, agricultural seeds and implements, which could be quite as effectively procured, and at greatly reduced rates, by patronizing the seed emporia of the country, among which the establishment of Messrs. T. JONES & SONS affords so honourable an exemplification.

**CLEBURNE BROTHERS, Tailors and Outfitters, 47, Great George Street, Cork.**

FORTY years ago, CLEBURNE BROTHERS opened a large youths' and gentlemen's outfitting establishment, which in 1879 was destroyed by fire, and subsequently rebuilt in the handsome and attractive style which characterises the premises at 47, Great George Street, Cork. The shop is unquestionably one of the finest in the South of Ireland and most elegantly fitted with counters, mirrors, fitting-on rooms, etc., etc. On the upper portions of the building are cutting rooms and stock, store, machine, and workrooms, all well lit, ventilated, and appointed; the whole of the establishment, in fact, bears the impress of taste, capital, and more than ordinary enterprise, and is well worthy of a visit.

To meet the extensive requirements of the business, CLEBURNE BROTHERS hold a very large and comprehensive stock, replete with all the best features of the various lines engaged in, embracing a magnificent assortment of men's, youths', and boys' suits in all the newest materials and the most fashionable colours; a very choice selection of fashionable trouserings; an immense variety of overcoats, ulsters, etc. Indeed, one of the features upon which CLEBURNE BROTHERS very justly pride themselves, apart from the quality of the goods, is the

large and varied stock at all times on hand; and in the various departments of this extensive establishment is probably the largest, and certainly the best-assorted, stock of high-class clothing in Cork and district. There is an apparently unlimited variety of socks, shirts, ties, braces, belts, jerseys, hats, caps, umbrellas, and gloves. Suits are made up to order at the shortest notice, promptitude and despatch being among the most universally recognized characteristics of the house. Tastefully displayed and admirably arranged, the business in every department receives the direct personal attention of Mr. William Henry Cleburne, the present sole proprietor, and is conducted throughout with marked ability, energy, and enterprise, a large staff of ready and obliging salesmen and assistants being regularly employed. The establishment at all times presents an animated scene of business activity. CLEBURNE BROTHERS do a very extensive and steadily-increasing business, and the proprietor, by his well-known integrity, spirited enterprise, and genial courtesy, has acquired a prominent position in the business circles of the City and secured the confidence and support of a valuable and influential connection extending over the greater part of the South of Ireland.



## THE HOME AND FOREIGN Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Depot,

43, Patrick Street, Cork. MISS KATE MACCARTHY, *Proprietress*.

ANY review of Cork or of its attractive business places must be expected to fall short of accuracy and completeness without due notice, however concise, of the Home and Foreign Fruit and Flower Depot, conducted by Miss Kate MacCarthy, of Patrick Street. As one of the more modern acquisitions to the City, it has manifested rapid growth upon public favour and appreciation. It is only seven years since it was established, and within that period has gradually acquired a universal popularity, while it has also gained in an equal degree the interest and favour of the numerous transient visitors who come to view the sights of Cork and its picturesque environs.

All the year round, Miss MacCarthy's emporium, with its handsome and attractive double frontage, is a source of endless interest to all classes, and is made more handsome by the elegance of its stock and appointments. The windows are a constant temptation to lovers of rich fruits and flowers, and the experienced proprietress has discovered the happy knack of arranging every detail as it should be and of submitting, from time to time, floral displays that are simply exquisite in point of setting and artistic arrangement. The interior extends over some distance to the office and storerooms at the rear, and its spacious and regular proportions contribute to enhance the beautiful and plentiful appearance of a stock in which the entire products of the home and continental gardens are comprised. In the summer and autumn seasons especially the house presents an aspect

of floral grandeur, its arrays of cut flowers, salads, and bouquets being set out with all the skill and artistic taste which only a perfect knowledge of design and arrangement can impart. Besides the regular delivery of vegetables to families in the neighbourhood, an important department of the business is the supply of posies and garlands for weddings, together with button-holes and sprays, while a considerable trade is transacted in providing flowers for table and decorative purposes, and the establishment has become an accepted centre for mourning wreaths and crosses. Miss MacCarthy is frequently requested to send flowers, etc., a considerable distance, and among those who constitute her *clientèle* there are included many town and county families of importance. And we have seen some splendid testimonials from the military authorities who have been supplied by Miss K. MacCarthy.

The agreeable manner in which all dealings with Miss MacCarthy are effected has contributed greatly to the reputation of the house, which in other respects must be expected to recommend itself. It is the nicest shop in the nicest part of the best street in Cork, and, as such, has every claim upon public attention and noteworthy. The courteous, obliging, and ladylike attentiveness of Miss MacCarthy tends to increase its popularity among a community whose fondness and admiration for flowers is well known, and few business ladies command more general esteem than the proprietress of the high-class emporium so briefly sketched.

## WILLIAM CARROLL, Salt, Lime, and Brick Manufacturer and General Building Material Merchant, Anglesea Street, Cork.

ONE of the most important branches of commercial enterprise in the South of Ireland is represented in Cork by the old-established house of Mr. WILLIAM CARROLL, Salt, Lime, and Brick Manufacturer and General Building Material Merchant, which supplies the subject of this brief descriptive notice. This business was founded as far back as 1830 by the late Mr. J. Carroll, a well-known agriculturalist and highly respected citizen of Cork, who continued the concern until his death in 1862, when he was succeeded by the present proprietor, his son. The premises occupied by this gentleman are centrally situated in Anglesea Street, and comprise extensive yards, store sheds, &c., measuring 250ft. by 142ft., with offices at the entrance. The yards are fully stocked with large quantities of Irish and Welsh slates, laths, nails, cements, plaster of Paris, flags ferrumite, chimney tops, wind guards, vases and pedestals, flowerpots, pipes (drain and agricultural); Cork, Youghal, and Bridgwater bricks; lime, Blarney sand, lead, and all kinds of building materials. The brick works, situated at Douglas, are of large proportions and fully equipped with the necessary plant and machinery for producing a sound quality of building bricks, &c. Mr. CARROLL's limestone quarries at

Carrigmore are the largest in Ireland, covering a total area of 120 acres and producing annually an enormous output of this material—most of the principal buildings in the South of Ireland being constructed of this material, notably St. Finbar's Cathedral, Cork, as shewn in our illustration. The salt and lime works in the Windmill Road are conveniently arranged for these operations, the leading production being dairy salt, for which the house has long been noted, and with which Mr. CARROLL has been successful in securing no fewer than fifteen Gold, Silver, and Bronze Prize Medals at the principal agricultural shows at Dublin, Cork, and other parts of the country. Also six Agricultural Society's Medals for salt. A large and steadily increasing volume of trade is controlled by Mr. CARROLL, who employs a considerable number of hands in the several departments of the business, the whole arrangements of which are conducted under his personal supervision with marked ability and success. Mr. CARROLL is widely known and respected in the district, in which he has under cultivation farms of about 400 acres, and, as a practical agriculturist and sound man of business, is exceedingly and deservedly popular with all classes of his neighbours and fellow-citizens.

## E. SMITH, Hosier, Glover, Shirt and Collar Maker, and General

Outfitter, 11, Grand Parade, Cork.

IN giving our readers a brief *resumé* of the history of the principal business houses in the City of Cork, we have pleasure in inviting their attention to the old-established business now conducted by Mr. EUGENE SMITH, Hosier, Glover, Shirt and Collar Maker, and General Outfitter, 11, Grand Parade, which fully merits prominent recognition in these pages. Originally founded upwards of half a century ago, the business was for many years continued by Mr. D. Flynn, junior, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1885. The premises are centrally situated in this splendid thoroughfare and comprise handsome single-fronted shop with large plate-glass window very effectively arranged with an elegant assortment of high-class hosiery and outfitting goods. The interior, which is fitted throughout with *recherché* appointments, extends a considerable distance to the rear, providing ample and convenient accommodation for the several departments of the business. The stock is very attractively displayed and includes all the new season's novelties in gentlemen's silk scarves and ties, handkerchiefs, braces and belts, vests and pants for underwear, hats and caps in the most fashionable shapes, silk umbrellas, portmanteaus, bags and

rugs, walking sticks, and a great variety of choice toilet requisites, soap, perfumery, &c., &c. A special feature of the business is the shirtmaking department, for which accommodation is provided in extensive workrooms adjoining, in which are employed several workpeople, cutters, &c. The shirts made at this establishment have long been held in popular favour for their marked superiority of comfortable fit, wear, and high-class material and workmanship, and are in well-deserved demand by the leading gentry in the South of Ireland. Special attention is also devoted by Mr. SMITH to athletic outfits, and in this department displays a large assortment of lawn tennis, cricket, and yachting suits of the finest quality of material and best workmanship. An extensive and influential *clientèle* has been established by Mr. SMITH in the City and surrounding districts, and the establishment is also widely patronised by travellers and tourists visiting the Emerald Isle. Mr. SMITH has been successful in maintaining the time-honoured reputation and popularity of the establishment, and has, by his unfailing courtesy and careful attention to the requirements of all classes of visitors, secured the respect and esteem of an ever-widening circle of his fellow-citizens.

## P. J. DALY, Modeller and Cycle Agent, 13, Caroline Street, Cork.

THE extraordinary development of every branch of the cycle industry in recent years, attributable to the widespread popularity attained by these machines for purposes of sport, amusement, and business, has opened up an important field of mechanical operations and commercial enterprise of ever-increasing importance. One of the most recent additions to this branch of industrial activity in this City is Mr. P. J. DALY, modeller and cycle agent, whose rapidly-extending business operations fully justify the attention of our readers. Mr. DALY commenced business about twelve months ago at his present address, 13, Caroline Street, the premises comprising large front shop, utilised as show-room for cycles, and beautifully made models of engines and machinery constructed with ingenious skill by the proprietor; and here may also be inspected a great variety of cycling requisites, &c. Amongst the latter attention is directed to a novel speciality of Mr. DALY's manufacture in the form of a clincher, which is a decided improvement in cushion and pneumatic tyres, also a considerable saving in wear and tear of this part of the machine, and is constructed to form a cover to the exposed portion of the rubber. The rim of the

wheel is so designed that it clinches the rubber band over the pneumatic tube, holding the tyre firmly in position and protecting it without retarding the speed of the machine. Adjoining the sale department is a spacious workshop fully equipped with the most improved plant and machinery for facilitating the mechanical operations, and here are employed competent artisans in executing repairs and completing orders for the various specialities manufactured by Mr. DALY. The business, although of comparatively recent formation, has already secured a widespread connection, the proprietor representing many of the leading cycle manufacturers of the kingdom, and in his own particular line Mr. DALY has established a sound reputation as an ingenious and skilful modeller of every class of intricate and delicate machinery, having been entrusted with many important commissions for the execution of work of this character, in which he has invariably given the highest satisfaction to his clients.

In conclusion, it only remains to add that the business is conducted throughout with sound judgment and thoroughly practical experience—qualifications that not only deserve but command success in every department of commercial and industrial enterprise.



**S. DALY & SON, Sculptors, Etc., Cook Street, Cork.**

UNDER the somewhat modest title of Sculptors and Marble Cutters the firm of Messrs. S. DALY AND SON, Cook Street, Cork, turn out a variety of artistic work of the highest merit. A satisfactory exemplification of this may be obtained by a visit to the showrooms of the house, which contain a splendid assortment of altars, reredos, tabernacles, grave crosses, mural monuments, figures, busts, etc., all executed in the highest possible style and forming a pleasing illustration of the results achieved by the best skilled labour. The business premises comprise (in addition to the showrooms mentioned above) an extensive shop and various offices connected with the business. To the rear of this building the works are situated, and these occupy an extensive area. The various operations of the firm are here carried on, an efficient staff of highly experienced sculptors being constantly employed. The extent of the operations carried on may be gathered from the fact that nearly all the churches in the City of Cork bear some example of work executed by this firm either in the form of altar, reredos, or other marble work decoration. The works contain very commodious marble stores, marble and masonry yards, etc., and are efficiently equipped with all the necessary appliances for carrying on the work. Every effort and expense have been exercised to render this department complete in every respect. Large stocks of material are always kept on hand, the various marbles being imported

from Italy, Portugal, California, and other parts. Over 20 hands are employed, and, all being experienced workmen, it follows that work of the most elaborate order emanates from the firm. The partners are artists of the highest order, having a splendid reputation and enjoying an almost unlimited practice. The harmonious arrangement and beauty of design, which are the chief characteristics of the productions of Messrs. DALY AND SON, have been the means of securing a wide connection throughout the City and the South of Ireland. Having been established over half a century the reputation of the house may be said to be resting on a solid foundation, the more especially as the business of the firm is still extending in every direction. All classes of work in connection with marble masonry are undertaken, and men are often sent to considerable distances to carry out orders of this description. The business is under the personal guidance of the partners, who are eminently qualified to undertake the important duties and whose personal good qualities have endeared them to a wide circle of friends and customers. The numerous unsolicited testimonials received by the firm are a satisfactory token of the esteem in which the proprietors are held in respect to their business abilities and qualifications, and the successful results achieved are a striking example of that spirit of enterprise and energy, tact and sound judgment, which is in the highest degree commendable wherever we find it.

**W. J. TOMKINS & SON, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Winthrop Street, Cork.**

THE City of Cork has always been distinguished as an important centre of the wine and spirit trade, and, owing to the facilities it enjoys for the importation of this class of produce, well maintains its leading position in this department of commercial activity. In connection with this trade we have pleasure in selecting for special mention in these reviews the old-established house of Messrs. W. J. TOMKINS & SON, the eminent wine and spirit merchants, liqueur manufacturers (1st prize medal, Cork Exhibition, 1883), as thoroughly representative of the leading firms in this line in the City. This business was established so far back as 1823 by the late Mr. W. J. Tomkins, trading in the style indicated at the head of this notice. The premises occupied by Messrs. TOMKINS are situate in Winthrop Street and comprise a handsome building, with gable frontage of red brick, extending a distance of about 150 feet back to Robert Street, in which there are two entrances to the wholesale stores. The front portion of the premises in Winthrop Street forms the wine sample room, behind which is a well-appointed and high-class family order department. In the rear are commodious wine and spirit vaults fully stocked with large quantities of the choicest vintage wines, specially imported from the leading centres of production for this trade, and well-

selected and matured Irish and Scotch whiskies, old brandies, &c., from the best known distilleries. The bottling stores in connection with the establishment are of spacious proportions and are fully provided with the most modern appliances for facilitating this operation. On the second floor is a suite of well-appointed offices and additional stores for bottled wines. The whole arrangements are of the most complete and efficient character, a large staff of assistants being employed in the various departments of the business (some of whom have been over 50 years there), under the capable control of the principal, whose close personal supervision is evidenced in every detail of the management. An old-established family and wholesale connection has been secured by the firm throughout the United Kingdom, and their extended association with the trade has gained for them a widespread and influential *clientèle* amongst the leading members of the titled nobility, gentry, clubs, and hotel and restaurant proprietors throughout England and Ireland. We noticed that this firm are extensive holders of old whiskies in bond, stored in their own sherry casks, which give much satisfaction to their numerous ordering friends. They have likewise an extensive stock of bottled ports, sherries, Madeiras, and clarets in their wine cellars from 20 to 40 years old.

## DAVID MULCAHY, Baker, Cork.

FROM time immemorial—in fact, ever since baking became a trade—bakers in all countries have produced different qualities of bread. The Romans we find had six or seven different varieties from the coarse bread (*pains ater*) to the whitest (*pains candidus*). In England in the thirteenth century there were three qualities regulated by law. Nowadays, however, of ordinary breads bakers may be said to produce two varieties—best wheaten and household. There are many ways of making bread; the house at present under notice, however, happens to be one of those which still follows the *old* method. This, as compared with that at present practised, consists chiefly in the practice of the quarter-sponge with a ferment of potatoes in the process of fermentation. This is the process adopted by Mr. DAVID MULCAHY, of 64, North Main Street, Cork, and we imagine he is the only tradesman in the City who follows this practice. Many good bakers of the present day regret that the old system is dying out, for a better article in every way was never produced than that now in ordinary use. This may be easily gathered from the fact that inferior flour was not capable of being manipulated by the older method, which was displaced chiefly because of the greater expense of carrying it out—the longer time necessary in working, the extra skill and care involved,

and also because stronger, and consequently dearer, flours were of necessity employed. That Mr. MULCAHY finds his method pays ample proof is furnished by the exceptionally good trade done both over the counter and by van delivery to all parts of the City.

The business was established some twenty years ago by the present proprietor, and the premises occupied are very neat and compact. To the rear of the shop we find the bakery, the general equipment and arrangement and the cleanliness and order everywhere noticeable affording ample and sufficient reason for the name by which the house is known in the district, viz., the “Model Bakery.” Plain bread only is baked, no fancy goods of any description emanating from the house. For that which he does produce, however, Mr. MULCAHY has obtained a wide reputation, the general opinion of his numerous *clientèle* being that the best bread in Cork can only be purchased at this establishment. An elderly gentleman of quiet and unassuming manner, Mr. MULCAHY is nevertheless a shrewd business man. And although he inclines to old-fashioned ways generally, his thorough manner of dealing with the smallest details is in a measure to be preferred to the rush and hurry which, as a rule, form the chief characteristics of present-day tradesmen.

## JAMES MCCARTHY, Naval and Military Tailor, 82, Patrick Street, Cork.

THERE are few more popular establishments devoted to high-class tailoring in the City of Cork than that conducted by Mr. JAMES MCCARTHY, the eminent naval and military tailor, to which we invite the attention of our readers. This business was established by Mr. MCCARTHY about seventeen years ago, and has since that date, by the judicious enterprise and skilful management of the proprietor, secured a well-deserved position as one of the leading houses in the trade in the City.

The premises occupied by this gentleman are centrally situated at 82, Patrick Street, the finest thoroughfare in the City, and comprise handsome double-fronted shop of commodious proportions, with attractive frontage, and admirably adapted for the purposes of a high-class trade. The interior is well appointed, the front portion of the premises being utilized as stock and showroom, with cutting and fitting-rooms in the rear. The stock submitted for inspection embraces a splendid variety of the new season's novelties in Irish, Scotch, and English tweeds; Melton, Yorkshire, and West of England cloth; woollens and worsteds; and every description of high-class fancy patterns for gentlemen's coatings, trouserings, &c.

The leading feature of the business is the execution

of orders for naval and military uniforms, a branch of the trade in which Mr. MCCARTHY has long held a premier position in the district, as evidenced by his securing the *only* Prize Medal awarded at the Cork Exhibition, 1883, for military uniforms and ladies' military trimmed jackets; and, at the same time, obtaining a first-class certificate of merit for clerical costumes. An essentially high-class *clientèle* has been established by Mr. MCCARTHY, which includes the leading members of both branches of the service stationed in the City and district and a wide circle of the principal clergy in the South of Ireland. The cutting department claims the special attention of the proprietor, whose thoroughly sound experience and skilful knowledge of the technique and practice of this difficult art ensure the perfection of fit, style, fashionable material, and best workmanship in every garment produced at the establishment.

The workrooms, on the upper floor, are spacious, well-ventilated apartments, providing healthy accommodation for the large number of workpeople employed by the house. The business is capably organised in each department under the personal direction of the principal, whose courteous attention to the requirements of his clients has secured for Mr. MCCARTHY a wide measure of popularity and an ever-increasing circle of influential and substantial patronage.



**G. DALTON, Cabinet Maker & Upholsterer,**

63, Grand Parade; and 8, 9, and 10, Corn Market Street, Cork.

IN selecting for the purposes of these reviews the principal houses in each branch of commercial and industrial activity, we have no hesitation in assigning to a prominent position the important establishments controlled by Mr. G. DALTON, Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer, to whose courtesy we are indebted for the particulars of this briefly-descriptive sketch. The business was established about fifty years ago by the present proprietor, and has since that date been considerably extended and developed with ever-increasing success under this gentleman's energetic and enterprising management. The premises occupied by Mr. DALTON at 63, Grand Parade, are centrally situated opposite the Berwick Fountain, and comprise handsome and commodious corner shop at the junction of that thoroughfare with Tuckey Street, having a fine double frontage and containing spacious accommodation for the various departments of the business. The interior is well appointed and presents for inspection a large and varied stock of elegant drawing and dining-room suites—upholstered in all the newest styles—bedroom,

hall, and library furniture of the best quality, and a splendid selection of old china, curios, antique and art furniture, bric-a-brac, and other valuable articles of an ornamental character. In the rear are large workshops, in which are conducted the operations of French polishing and upholstering, for which the services of experienced hands are employed. The establishment at 8, 9, and 10, Corn Market Street, is situated directly opposite the City Magistrate's Office and comprises large shop with three windows and two entrances, in which is displayed a comprehensive assortment of household furniture and goods of a similar character to those described above. At the back of the shop are the cabinet and furniture manufactory, every article produced at the establishment being made entirely by hand by competent and experienced artisans. A first-class all-round connection has been established by the proprietor, who gives the most careful personal supervision to each department of the business, and spares no effort in maintaining the high reputation for a uniform standard of excellence so long enjoyed by this well-known and prosperous commercial undertaking.

**J. WATERS, Oil, Colour, Glass, Brush, Lead, and Household Sundries**

Warehouse, 4, Winthrop Street, Cork.

NOTEWORTHY among the many old-established centres of supply trade in Cork is the business conducted by Mr. JAMES WATERS, Wholesale Oil, Colour, and Glass Merchant, of 4, Winthrop Street. For upwards of 70 years this establishment has formed an accredited dépôt for all the miscellaneous descriptions of merchandise indicated at the head of this brief sketch, and from first to last has maintained a special distinction among its contemporaries in the trade. It was founded by Mr. H. Morris, and since 1875 has been controlled by Mr. WATERS, who is now sole proprietor. The trade of the house has now been brought to comprehend everything that can be included in the category of drysalteries for trading and industrial purposes; and the fine large shop, with two windows facing the thoroughfare, conveys at once to the visitor an impression of importance and attractiveness quite in conformity with its influential status in the City's commerce. Much taste is evinced in the window display, which may be described as forming a neat and elegant index to the class of materials dealt in, and the same regard for artistic arrangement is observable throughout the interior of the establishment, where the same diversified items of merchandise are submitted to inspection under the most favourable conditions. Glass show cases on the walls are made specially available for this purpose, and wherever the eye rests there is occasion to be gratified by the exceeding taste and care that have been

expended upon the proper disposal of every department of an immense stock. Separated from the shop by a glass doorway is the proprietor's office, and above are large stores for plate and sheet glass. Three flats are fully occupied, and there are also stores to the rear for oils and paints, goods traffic being here facilitated by a special entrance. The remarkably fresh and sound condition of the whole stock is of itself an indication of the rapid turnover effected, and each item represents the best and purest productions in its special line. The consideration devoted to the home industries by the proprietor is noted in the prevalence of materials manufactured in Ireland, of which we may quote as examples the following:—Best Irish Crown Pale Soaps, the renowned Silverspring Starch, and various productions of the Irish match factories. Considering the extensive demand that everywhere exists in this country for candles, the proprietor has cultivated a very large trade in this direction, and from this dépôt large quantities of wax and composite productions are disposed of for religious as well as domestic requirements. For the convenience of patrons, Mr. WATERS maintains an extensive range of glazier's sundries, providing glazed sashes and glass cut to any size. The stock of oils and colours is replete with everything that belongs to this department of trade, and in household brushes and sponges there is held a variety sufficient to provide for every condition of use. Special notice is due to the diversified range of paints, including all colours, which

are made up ready for use. Toilet requisites and toilet soaps are represented in abundance, and in patent medicines and proprietary articles the collection represents every item of genuine worth that has had the endorsement of medical testimony or universal public acceptance. As a general warehouse for oils, colours, glass, brushes, lead, and household sundries, the establishment of Mr. WATERS takes a high place among the business institutions of Cork. Its ramifications have long extended beyond the City and suburbs, and the name of the house is well known all over the South of

Ireland. It is principally represented by Mr. R. W. Waters, who travels periodically, sustaining and expanding here and there throughout the provinces a connection that is already very extensive. In the hands of Mr. JAMES WATERS the accumulative interest of some seventy years are ably and energetically preserved, and the whole business is—by reason of its usefulness, its extremely liberal terms, and its commendable adherence to the approved methods of *Cash* trade—a credit to the commerce of this district, where its operations have been so long and intelligently promoted.

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JOHN O'BRIEN & CO., The Cork Woollen and Hat Warehouse, 58, Patrick Street;  
and The City of Cork Boot Manufacturing Co., Limited,  
63, Watercourse Road, Cork.

IN selecting for the purposes of this work the leading representative houses in the City of Cork, we single out for special mention the two important commercial undertakings carried on under the two above-mentioned titles, although practically conducted under the one administration of which Mr. John O'Brien is the presiding chief. The business was established fourteen years ago, and, so far as the retail departments are concerned, is carried on in commodious and centrally situated premises—58, Patrick Street. This warehouse comprises a substantial building of two flats, the ground floor being utilized for the sales department. The warehouse is well appointed in every particular and is largely stocked with heavy woollens from the leading firms of Irish tweed manufacturers, as well as coachmakers' trimmings and upholstery materials, tailors' trimmings, umbrellas, travelling rugs, ladies' dress fabrics, and boots and shoes of every description. The upper portion of the warehouse is devoted to the display of an extensive selection of hats and caps of guaranteed excellence and latest style.

The boot manufactory, conducted at Watercourse Road, is one wherein the most strenuous and successful efforts are being made to establish this branch of industrial activity on a sound basis in Cork. It ought to be remembered, too, that the Company pioneered the shoe manufacturing movement on Irish soil, and the proprietors have passed through the usual experiences of those who imitate measures of economic reform for the public benefit, the Company having at one period been compelled to suspend operations, owing to the apathy of local buyers; but, with the aid of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. O'Shea, whose thorough experience is a sufficient guarantee for the highest efficiency, the factory has entered upon a new and more prosperous lease of existence, and affords every indication of future substantial success. The factory is fitted throughout with improved modern plant and machinery, the heavier mechanism being confined to the ground floor; the upper floors are appropriately devoted to the various departments through which boots and shoes pass in course of manufacture. The goods manufactured by the Company include every

description of light and heavy wear, from the labourer's brogues with hobnailed soles to the dainty *bottines* of French or Swiss pattern, suitable for the promenade, the ballroom, or the boudoir.

The factory gives constant employment to seventy hands, a number that will be increased as the opportunity offers of obtaining skilled men for the work; and it is gratifying to record that the orders already on hand show a marked and continuous improvement. A large retail and wholesale trade is done by the firm, the house being widely patronised by the public in Cork and the surrounding districts; and the connection in the wholesale department extends to the principal buyers of this class of goods in the South of Ireland, who are waited upon personally by the principal, who is on the road four days in each week for this purpose. The arrangements throughout display that perfection of system so essentially necessary in the management of an undertaking of this magnitude and importance. Mr. O'Brien is widely known and respected in the City, having, for many years past, been active in the promotion of all movements tending to the municipal progress of the community in which he has twice been elected mayor, and is, at the present time, an alderman.

In political matters Mr. O'Brien is well known as an ardent and fearless advocate of the National Movement, in connection with which he has twice suffered imprisonment—first as a "suspect" under the infamous "Reign of Terror" inaugurated by the Government in 1886-7, and next for an alleged assault during the terms of his Mayoralty. The latter incident occurred at a public meeting over which his Worship was presiding, and arose out of Mr. O'Brien's efforts to protect the police from the violence of the mob; and for this offence, which was "virtuously" construed to be an attack upon the officers, Mr. O'Brien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, an indignity which he suffered at the hands of the Crown Authorities in 1887. Notwithstanding these inconveniences to the pursuit of patriotism Mr. Alderman O'Brien is still faithful to his country's cause, and has, by his genial, social gifts and sterling integrity of motive, gained a well-deserved popularity with all classes of his fellow countrymen.



**DANIEL SHEEHAN, China, Glass, and Lamp Warehouse, 109 and 110, Patrick Street, Cork.**

THE eminent china, glass, and porcelain emporium conducted at 109 and 110, Patrick Street, Cork, was founded by the father of the present proprietor in the year 1848. From the date of its inception the house began to take a leading position in the City, and it is interesting to note that no fewer than three prize medals have been awarded to Mr. SHEEHAN for the excellence of his goods, two being awarded at the Cork Exhibition of 1883 and one at the Dublin Exhibition of the previous year. Mr. SHEEHAN at the above-mentioned address occupies very extensive and commodious premises, which comprise a large and handsome shop possessing a plate-glass frontage of some seventy feet, and rising to an elevation of four storeys. The interior, which extends back a considerable distance, is fitted up in a very superior style. The handsome plate-glass windows contain a splendid display of high-class china and glass-ware, forming one of the most interesting and attractive features of the busy thoroughfare. The premises also contain extensive storage accommodation, packing and dispatch department, and every convenience for the successful working of the business. Mr. SHEEHAN holds probably the largest and best-assorted stock of glass and china goods in the South of Ireland, and which includes a splendid selection of dinner and dessert services and breakfast, tea, and toilet sets in all the newest designs and by the most eminent manufacturers. The stock of glass ware is exceptionally brilliant, and embraces a most extensive assortment of cut tumblers,

decanters, wines, finger glasses, salts, water jugs; also many beautifully designed centre pieces, flower stands, etc. There are likewise many rare and costly examples of Royal Vienna, Dresden, Crown Derby, Sèvres, Capo di Monti, and other classical art potteries, representing every conceivable variety of design, with exquisitely-painted panels by the most renowned artists; also vases of colossal, medium, and bijou proportions beautifully painted and decorated; plaques, déjeuners, in elegantly-lined *étuis*; dessert and coffee services; besides an infinity of figures, candelabra, mirrors, brackets, groups, and other *objets d'art*. It is impossible to glance round this large and well-appointed establishment without being greatly impressed with the high value and artistic merit of the many beautiful objects presented to view on all hands. In addition to the before-mentioned goods, Mr. SHEEHAN has also a superb display of lamps, including all the most recent and improved types and the most elegant designs. Besides an extensive home connection, Mr. SHEEHAN has patrons in almost every part of the world. A very brisk business is carried on in every department, which receives the direct personal attention of the proprietor. Mr. SHEEHAN holds the special appointment as glass and china merchant to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and in the trade he holds, as might naturally be expected, a very prominent and influential position. A well-assorted stock is kept of Irish Porcelain from the celebrated works, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland.

**B. & T. ATKINS, Music and Pianoforte Saloon, Beethoven House, 81, Patrick Street, Cork.**

A HIGHLY-IMPORTANT business house which is certainly destined to take an active part in the development of music culture in the South of Ireland is that conducted at Beethoven House, 81, Patrick Street, Cork, by the comparatively new-established firm named at the head of this brief notice. This concern is already well known and highly appreciated among the music-loving community of the City and district. It is conducted in every detail with all the tact and business proficiency of gentlemen who have devoted long study to all the essentials of a high-class music-selling emporium. The house, which is most centrally situated in the principal business thoroughfare of Cork, consists of a large and conspicuously elegant showroom with an attractive double frontage and an interior admitting ample space for the inspection of a lengthy range of high-class pianofortes, harmoniums, and organs representative of the best makers and well adapted to find acceptance among those who desire only those instruments, both British and foreign, which are based upon the long-established reputation of their sources of production.

The house affords what is undoubtedly a most unexampled choice in sheet music, of which families in the district are not slow to avail themselves. The pianos displayed are probably unsurpassed by any out of the English metropolis for tone, novel design, and exquisite finish; and among these we observe pianofortes of an exceptionally handsome and light construction,

well adapted and specially designed for yachts, with the owners of which the firm ought to be able to transact a valuable business. General repairing and tuning are effectively carried on by a specially skilled staff, whose operations in tuning—an important department of the firm's business—appear to give universal satisfaction. While directing the inclinations of the public towards the productions of all good makers, the proprietors have given due precedence to Ibach's pianos, noted for excellent material and faultless construction, and we believe this is the only house in the City where these magnificent instruments are procurable. B. AND T. ATKINS have also been appointed sole agents in Ireland for Messrs. Edward Seiler, the most extensive firm of pianoforte manufacturers in Eastern Germany, and whose instruments have carried off the prize medals at eleven of the World's principal Exhibitions. In transacting a large and rapidly developing trade among a widespread connection, B. AND T. ATKINS have endeavoured in every way to make the wishes of their patrons first in consideration. Schools and Institutions receive every liberality, and all the advantages of a well-directed metropolitan house are adequately conferred on customers by the enterprising proprietors, to whose courtesy and thoroughly practical efficiency is due the estimation their house has secured among the first-class concerns of this ancient City, in which music and musical art are so well developed and encouraged.

### ALLAN & HOLDEN, Gentlemen's Outfitters, 44, Patrick Street, Cork.

IN selecting for reference the leading business houses in this City, we have pleasure in inviting the attention of our readers to the old and well-known house of Messrs. ALLAN AND HOLDEN, gentlemen's outfitters and shirt tailors, whose claims to prominent recognition fully entitle them to extended notice in this work. The business was established about twenty years ago by the above-named gentlemen, and has been continued since the death of Mr. Holden in 1875 by the present sole proprietor, Mr. Peter Allan, trading under the title indicated at the head of this sketch. The premises occupied by the firm are centrally situated at 45, Patrick Street, and comprise large and handsome shop with two fine plate-glass windows, in which are displayed all the new season's novelties in gentlemen's hosiery, gloves, and similar goods, the whole forming a most attractive feature of this leading thoroughfare. The interior is elegantly appointed throughout and contains every convenience for the effective display of the high-class stock. This includes every description of gentlemen's underwear suitable for outfits for the colonies, India, etc.; portmanteaus; Gladstone, brief, and hand bags; overland trunks, fitted bags, rugs, hat cases, umbrellas, and walking-sticks; and a great variety of articles necessary for the equipment of the traveller.

In the rear of the establishment are spacious workrooms set apart for the manufacture of gentlemen's shirts, which forms a leading feature of the business. This department has always been a speciality with the firm, who have long been recognised as the principal shirt-tailors in the City, the "Success" shirt made by Messrs. ALLAN AND HOLDEN being unequalled in the trade for fit, style, and comfortable wear. The firm also supply sleeping suits, pyjamas, double-shrunk flannel shirts, tennis and cricket outfits in club colours, including shirts, jackets, trousers, caps, sashes, scarves, and belts to order. Another important branch of the business is their patent hosiery (seamless), knitted on the premises, with which the firm were successful in obtaining a prize medal at the Cork Industrial Exhibition of 1883 for the knitting machine and its productions. A widespread and influential *clientèle* has been established by the firm, which includes the principal military and naval officers and medical gentlemen sailing from this Port, and the firm forward goods to order to all parts of the world. An efficient and adequate staff of assistants is retained in the business under the personal direction of the principal, who is unsparing in his efforts to maintain the high reputation of the establishment with which he has been so long and honourably associated.

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### T. RUSSELL & SON, Provision, Cheese, Game, and Poultry Merchants, 4, Prince's Street, Cork; and at Dublin.

A DISTINCTIVE feature of Cork, and one that has established for the City a reputation and fame in every quarter of the civilized world, is its pre-eminence in the wholesale and retail provision trade. The City may truly be said to abound with every conceivable kind of dairy and farm produce required by the housekeeper. In the old-established house of Messrs. T. RUSSELL AND SON a large and influential trade is carried on in the sale of provisions, cheese, game, and poultry. The business was founded by Mr. T. Russell, at 4, Prince's Street, Cork, in the year 1843, and for many years has been carried on by that gentleman, in conjunction with his son, Mr. Thomas Russell, Junr., under the above-designated firm-name. Since his decease the business has been carried on solely by the latter.

The premises have been much improved of late years, and are now of considerable magnitude, the fine window facing the English Market affording an excellent display of the very choicest brands of Irish hams and bacon, cheese (selected from the best British, American, and Continental markets), while the game and poultry department is replete with the finest quality goods in season.

The interior of the establishment is capitally appointed, and in every respect well adapted to the high-class trade carried on.

Since the introduction of the Parcels' Post the firm have succeeded in adding a most important branch to their business, namely, supplying poultry, butter, eggs, etc., etc., direct to English consumers. The extent of this may be conceived when we state that they have

now over 400 accounts open for this trade, and their customers include the very *élite* of English society. In the face of competition from Co-operative Stores, monster houses, etc., it speaks well for the enterprise of an Irish provincial firm to succeed in placing their goods not only in English counties but in the most fashionable parts of the West End of London.

Perhaps the most pleasing indication of the great extent of the business transacted by the firm will be found in the fact that, at any hour of the day, the stores in Prince's Street will be found besieged by a large body of patrons, who find themselves more satisfactorily supplied at Messrs. T. RUSSELL AND SON's emporium than by any firm in the City similarly engaged. So successful, indeed, has the business been since its inception, that the firm have been encouraged to establish a branch house at 46, Grafton Street, Dublin, which it is gratifying to learn is progressing no less satisfactorily than the parent establishment in Cork. In both Cities a constant and ever-increasing trade is done, and the admirable manner in which all orders are executed proclaims the firm to be, *par excellence*, the leading one in that particular line of business. We need hardly add to the foregoing remarks that Messrs. T. RUSSELL AND SON's goods are highly appreciated, and the repute which they have secured will most undoubtedly remain while the same habits of politeness, courtesy, and attention on the part of a thoroughly efficient staff are qualities to be superadded to the excellence, variety, and moderate prices of the various goods supplied by the firm.



C. R. OAKSHOTT, Wine and Brandy Shipper, Wholesale Tea and Spirit Merchant,  
Deane Street, Cork.

Telegraphic Address:—"OAKSHOTT," CORK.

AMONG the various influential houses that sustain the higher lines of commercial activity in Cork, that conducted by Mr. C. R. OAKSHOTT has acquired a place of distinction consistent with the importance of its operations in the wholesale tea and spirit trade, which it has creditably represented in this City for upwards of 19 years. At the commencement of the business in 1872 its headquarters were at Cook Street, and it was then known under the firm-title of Messrs. Sweeney and Oakshott; but for the last nine years the whole operations of the house have been controlled under the sole proprietary of Mr. OAKSHOTT, and it has derived a large proportion of its present prosperity from that gentleman's continuous energy and enterprise. The proximity of the establishment in Deane Street to the Custom House and Docks has largely contributed to facilitate its work of importation, while similar convenience is afforded by the location of the bonded warehouse at Smith Street No. 2 Station. The whole premises at command are such as to afford the most ample scope for the transaction of a business of great magnitude. One glance at the proprietor's cellars is sufficient to impress the most ordinary observer of their exceptional capacity for preservation and of the excellent conditions under which a rich and valuable range of wines and spirits is matured. The cool and airy aspect of the cellars adds very much to their suitability, and it would be impossible to expect anything to emanate therefrom but on the standard of exquisite purity and intrinsic worth, for which the whole wines and spirits of this establishment are more than locally renowned. The cellars are in every respect a model of careful arrangement, being fitted with wine-bins and all the other accessories of a first-class wine and spirit warehouse; and, in view of the fact that the whole merchandise is imported in bulk, ample accommodation is reserved for bottling, a branch of work in which Mr. OAKSHOTT brings to bear all the results of skill and long experience. Every existing condition is thoroughly favourable to the enhancement of the quality and worth of the numerous specialities with which the stocks are replete. In ports, sherries, and clarets the proprietor's selection is particularly large and noteworthy, embracing the choicest growths in each wine with many rare old

vintages of splendid value and character. All other wines—including several *recherché* champagnes—are fully and creditably represented; and the stock of brandies, expressly shipped to Cork for the sole trade of this house, illustrates the possibility of procuring on liberal terms that sound, pure, and genuine spirit which at all times commands the appreciation of the epicure and *connoisseur*. We believe that among the assortments of this house there are some of the finest brandies in the South of Ireland.

Consistently with the status of the establishment as a representative Irish house, the sale of whiskies forms no inconsiderable part of the trade transacted, and among extensive wholesale connections Mr. OAKSHOTT commands a repute of long standing for the distinctly superior merits of his distillations. No exponent of the high-class spirit trade has operated harder or more effectively to sustain the established renown of Cork as a centre of first importance for the acquisition of the genuine *native* products, and the appreciative support of a large *clientèle* is the best endorsement of the wholesomeness and purity of this branch of Mr. OAKSHOTT's spirituous merchandise.

Of no less importance than the wine and spirit departments of this business is that which embraces the trade in teas. Many of the finest examples of tea production are embraced in Mr. OAKSHOTT's exhaustive supplies, and, being possessed of every practical resource for mixing and blending, he is enabled to offer advantages to the trade which well merit their attention. Two warehouse floors are devoted to this section, and the capacity for the storage of a comprehensive stock (representing all the most exquisite blends of the commodity) illustrates the completeness with which the most exacting demands of the trading community are anticipated. The general offices and private apartments are at the entrance to the wine store, and the proprietor devotes assiduous personal attention to the whole affairs of the business. The honourable and liberal character of his dealings is well known throughout Cork and district, and the well-developed vitality and progressiveness of the house not only manifests the enterprise of its esteemed principal, but also clearly indicates the thorough manner in which its adherents have availed themselves of the commercial benefits it confers.

### NOLAN, Importer of and Dealer in Tea, Coffee, Spice, and Wine;

17 and 18, West Beach, Queenstown.

In selecting, for the purposes of our work, the principal objects of interest in this beautifully-situated town, it would be impossible to ignore the obvious claims to recognition possessed by the attractive establishments of Mr. FRANK NOLAN, the present representative of a family which has been honourably associated with the mercantile interests of Queenstown for upwards of fifty years. The business was originally founded by an ancestor of Mr. NOLAN at that date, and has remained in the same family ever since. Those extensive premises are centrally situated at 17 and 18, West Beach, and may justly be described as the most handsomely-designed establishments in the South of Ireland. The building is divided into two departments, one being devoted to the tea, coffee, and spice trade, and the other forming a retail wine bar, both being artistically decorated and fitted.

The tea department is very extensive, with handsome counters running the entire length of the shop,

the walls being panelled with elegant mirrors; and the shelves, cases, etc., in which the stock is kept are notable for the neatness and order with which they are arranged. The retail bar adjoining is equipped with fittings and appointments in similar style, giving a most effective and finished appearance to the internal appointments, and all in keeping with the high-class character of the trade. At the rear of the establishment are the warehouse and large bottling stores, fitted with machinery and appliances for this purpose, one of Messrs. Crossley's gas engines supplying the necessary power. A substantial and influential family connection has been established, which includes the leading resident gentry in Queenstown and the neighbourhood. The uniform excellence of the goods supplied, together with the perfect system on which the business is worked, fully justifies the conspicuous success attained by this old-established commercial institution.

### "CURRAN'S" International Drapery Warehouse, 16, Beach, Queenstown.

THE notable drapery emporium that forms the subject of the present sketch was founded about half a century ago by Thomas Curran under the style of Messrs. Thomas Curran and Co. Nineteen years ago the founder of the concern died, since which time the house has been conducted by Mrs. Curran and her son, Mr. J. Curran, under the trading designation indicated at the head of this sketch. The premises occupied are the outcome of continuous business extension, and comprise a very magnificent shop possessing a fine plate-glass four-window frontage. The INTERNATIONAL DRAPERY WAREHOUSE undoubtedly holds the largest stock of general drapery and costume goods in the South of Ireland, and certainly the firm's claim to precedence in their line in this district is amply justified by the elegant appearance of the show and stock rooms. The various departments represented at the "International" embrace gents' outfitting, hats, hosiery and gloves, rugs and shawls, dress goods, tweeds and worsteds, deck chairs, valises and trunks, Irish frieze coats, rubber coats, sleeping suites, ladies' underclothing, mantles, jackets and millinery, waterproof cloaks, Irish laces and poplins—a very important and influentially patronised department—Belleek ware, Irish linens, umbrellas and furs, eiderdown quilts and pillows, together with a miscellaneous stock of all descriptions of drapery and fancy goods. The various floors of the great establishment are admirably arranged throughout. The ground and first floors are laid out as showrooms in a most convenient manner. The top floor is devoted to workshop purposes, and here "CURRAN'S" employ a numerous

staff of skilled hands, which turn out work that is equally remarkable for correctness in style and faultless in finish. In ladies' dresses and mantles the most *recherché* novelties are represented in a style that cannot be surpassed even in the Metropolitan markets. The firm's productions in millinery, too, illustrate to perfection the latest "departures" in London and Paris fashions. Mr. Curran makes personal selections from the British and Continental manufacturers' stocks, and is thus enabled to maintain the credit of the house as a leader among the establishments of its class, and to place before customers all fashionable novelties at the earliest possible date. Mourning in all its branches receives the most prompt and careful attention, and in every department with which it is identified this house has made and sustained an eminent reputation for faultless style, perfect fit, exquisite finish, and moderate charges. A large staff of skilled and experienced milliners, mantle makers, dressmakers, &c., are employed, and these work in spacious and commodious workrooms, every operation being conducted under the personal supervision of a talented *modiste*. The warehouse and showrooms are most capably served by a competent staff of assistants, and all the orders are carried out under the personal superintendence of the principals. The firm possess a mastery over every detail of the business, and no effort is spared by them to retain and strengthen the place this house has so long and so worthily held in the favour and confidence not only of a large, influential, and very select local *clientèle*, but of transatlantic patrons visiting the ancient "Cove of Cork."



## THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, Queenstown.

MR. W. RAYMOND, *Proprietor.*

THERE are many good and sufficient reasons for asserting that, among the leading Hotels to be met with in the South of Ireland, a very prominent rank must be assigned to the celebrated QUEEN'S HOTEL, Queenstown, an establishment the external elegance and internal comfort of which have been themes of comment among English and American travellers for a period of 40 years. The QUEEN'S HOTEL has rather an historic record. On the memorable visit of Her Majesty and the Prince Consort in the year 1849 the ground upon which the Hotel is built there was erected a pavilion for their entertainment, and on this spot the name of the town was changed from the Cove of Cork to Queenstown by Her



Majesty the Queen, and for the past 18 years has been conducted under the proprietorship of Mr. W. Raymond, a gentleman widely and deservedly esteemed by every guest who has sojourned under his hospitable roof. The situation of the house is all that can be desired in point of attractiveness and convenience, and one of its most notable advantages is its proximity to the point of arrival and departure of the immense ocean greyhounds which plough the mighty Atlantic between America and Great Britain. The bedroom accommodation readily admits of 80 guests, while the Hotel provides no fewer than ten distinct sets of private sitting-rooms. The accommodation afforded at the "QUEEN'S" HOTEL is of the most perfect and superior order, neither trouble nor expense being spared. A perfect *cuisine*, an unexceptionable cellar, the most efficient attendance, and a scale of prices as moderate as possible are all noticeable features. The reputation the QUEEN'S HOTEL has acquired is amply evidenced in the distinguished patronage it enjoys. As a select and essentially first-class Hotel it has no superior in the kingdom; its general *clientèle* and transient patronage is always of a superior character, the visitors' book abundantly vindicating our remarks as to the capable administration and elegant appointments throughout.

## E. ENGLISH, Victualler and General Provision Merchant,

3, King's Square, Queenstown.

ONE of the most important commercial interests in connection with the trade of this port is that represented by Mr. EDMUND ENGLISH, Victualler and General Provision Merchant, whose extensive and old-established house supplies the material for this sketch. The business was founded forty years ago by Mr. Garthwaite, who was succeeded in the proprietary by Mr. ENGLISH about the year 1871, and has since that period been considerably developed and extended under the energetic direction of this gentleman. The premises occupied by Mr. ENGLISH are situated in King's Square, and comprise large building with extensive frontage, providing commodious facilities for the operations of the business, and replete with every convenience for the storage of the immense stock necessary to meet the demands of the trade. This comprises every description of ships' stores in tierce and barrel, beef, barrel pork, potatoes, vegetables, butter, and all kinds of groceries. Mr. ENGLISH has also on hand the finest qualities of fresh-killed beef, mutton, and pork, selected from the best Irish and

English-fed beasts, sheep, and pigs; no inferior or foreign meat being kept at this establishment. The leading feature of the business is the supply to Atlantic steamers, calling at Queenstown, of fresh meat, poultry, vegetables, butter, etc., for ships' stores, and it is by no means an unfrequent occurrence for Mr. ENGLISH to be called upon to provide tons of these provisions at an hour's notice, in order to make up deficiencies in the victualling department of these "Greyhounds of the Atlantic," which have been overlooked when embarking stores at Liverpool. A first-rate old-established family trade is also done by the proprietor, the connection including many of the principal resident gentry in the town and its suburbs and all classes of the general public in the district. The services of an efficient staff of assistants are employed in the several departments of the business, under the capable direction of the principal, whose long and thoroughly practical experience in every branch of the trade, sagacious judgment, and energetic methods have secured for this establishment a leading position in the ranks of successful commercial enterprise in the South of Ireland.

**T. WHITE, Pharmaceutical Chemist, 17, Westbourne Place, Queenstown.**

It would be impossible to overestimate the importance of the duties assigned to that indispensable auxiliary to the profession of the healing art assumed by the pharmaceutical chemist, upon whom so frequently depends the success of the treatment dictated by the medical man. This branch of the profession is very adequately represented in Queenstown by Mr. T. WHITE, whose well-known Pharmacy forms the subject of this briefly descriptive notice. The business was established some five years back by Mr. WHITE at 8, West Beach. Two years ago, in order to accommodate the requirements of the rapidly increasing practice, Mr. WHITE secured the more commodious premises he now occupies at 17, Westbourne Place, comprising splendidly fitted drug stores, designed specially for the business regardless of cost, and forming the finest business establishment of this description in the district. The interior is richly and elaborately appointed with solid mahogany fittings and handsome mirrors, plate-glass show cases, and other facilities for the effective display of the large assortment of elegant articles comprising the stock. These include every description of drugs and chemicals of the finest quality, nursery and sick room requisites, toilet preparations, surgical and medical requirements, and a large and varied assortment of hair brushes and dressing combs, tooth and nail brushes,

sponges and sponge bags, perfumery, and all kinds of patent and proprietary medicines. Among the latter articles marked distinction must be assigned to the leading specialties prepared by Mr. WHITE, which include his noted "Quinine and Iron Tonic," "Effervescing Saline," "Compound Jamaica Sarsaparilla," "Digestive Pills," "Stomach and Liver Pills," "Neuralgic Pills," "Corn Cure," and other preparations of which he is proprietor. Special attention is directed by Mr. WHITE to the dispensing department, in which the services of qualified assistants only are employed, under the immediate personal direction of the principal, whose intimate knowledge of this branch of the profession is guaranteed by his engagement for three years as dispenser in the establishment of the eminent firm of Messrs. Squire, of London, Chemists to the Queen. The most complete reliance may also be placed on all drugs and chemicals used in the preparation of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes, &c., every ingredient used for this purpose having been selected with the greatest care, and most absolute accuracy is adhered to in compounding medicines, &c. An extensive and influential *clientèle* has been established by Mr. WHITE, who is unremitting in his attention to the requirements of his numerous visitors, and has secured the widespread confidence of the leading medical practitioners and all classes of the general public in the town and surrounding locality.

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**GEORGE GATES, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweller,  
6, East Beach, Queenstown.**

ONE of the most attractive features in this favourite promenade is the well-known establishment of Mr. GEORGE GATES, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweller, whose effectively arranged window is a constant source of interest to visitors to the district. This prosperous business was established in 1877, at 19, West Beach, by the present proprietor, from whence it was subsequently removed to the more central and convenient site now occupied by this gentleman at 6, East Beach. The premises comprise handsome and commodious shop, with good window frontage, which is fully utilised for the display of the valuable assortment of goods submitted for inspection. The interior is beautifully appointed with elegant show cases and other fittings in *recherché* style for exhibiting to advantage the costly and beautiful stock. This includes ladies' and gentlemen's gold and silver watches and chains; gem, guinea gold wedding, dress, keeper, and mourning rings; brooches, pins, bracelets; Irish marble jewellery; and an immense variety of fancy and ornamental articles

suitable for presents, &c. Special attention is directed by Mr. GATES to the repairing department, for which a well-lighted workroom is provided for all kinds of watch and jewellery repairs, which are completed with the utmost promptitude on the shortest notice by the proprietor. Another prominent feature of the business is the manufacture to order of artistically designed badges and prizes for regattas and other aquatic sports, for which Mr. GATES has long enjoyed a high reputation, and has been honoured with the patronage of the leading rowing and yachting clubs in the South of Ireland. An extensive and influential connection has been established by the proprietor, which embraces the principal resident nobility and gentry in Queenstown and the vicinity and many of the numerous American and other visitors to the district. In addition, Mr. GATES has for the past ten years enjoyed the sole monopoly of the Government work in Queenstown in the execution of repairs, &c., for the Admiralty and War Office authorities, and has successfully cultivated a very sound and substantial all-round business.



**JOSEPH GLASSON, House, Sign, and Plain and Ornamental Painter, Paper-hanger, Glazier, etc., 8, Harbour Row, Queenstown.**

THERE are few branches of industrial art in which more rapid progress has been made in recent years than those connected with the decoration of our public and private buildings, an improvement greatly to be attributed to the efforts of the leading representatives of the trade to elevate popular taste in this direction. Amongst the more notable houses engaged in this department of industry in Queenstown may be mentioned that of Mr. JOSEPH GLASSON, House, Sign, and Plain and Ornamental Painter, Paper-hanger, Glazier, etc., 8, Harbour Row, who succeeded five years ago to the business formerly conducted by Mr. W. J. Fry at that address. The premises occupied by this gentleman comprise spacious single shop with large window, in which is displayed a large and varied assortment of new designs in wall papers, of British and foreign manufacture, and other decorative materials. The interior is

well appointed and fully stocked with trade requisites, and in the rear are large workshops and stores. The class of work undertaken by Mr. GLASSON embraces the execution of contracts of any magnitude for house decorating and all other branches of the trade, in which this gentleman has successfully completed many orders of importance in the locality. In addition, Mr. GLASSON is extensively engaged in the sale of all kinds of household furniture, a department of the business to which he devotes special attention and in which a large and rapidly-increasing trade is done. The services of an adequate staff of employes are engaged, varying in number according to the season's requirements, and the business throughout is of a most gratifying and substantial character, due in no small measure to the energetic and enterprising management of the proprietor, whose success has been entirely gained by the most straightforward and honourable methods.

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**MAURICE RONAYNE,**

**Wholesale and Family Grocer and Wine and Spirit Merchant, Midleton.**

IN reviewing the leading commercial houses in this thriving district of the South of Ireland, a prominent position must be assigned to the old-established undertaking of Mr. MAURICE RONAYNE, Wholesale and Family Grocer and Wine and Spirit Merchant, to which we have pleasure in directing the attention of our readers. This business was established in 1862 by Mr. RONAYNE, who has, during that long period, greatly developed and extended the concern to its present successful proportions. The premises occupied by this gentleman are centrally situated in Midleton, and comprise finely fitted and commodious shop with large window, which is neatly painted, Mr. RONAYNE not having any necessity for displaying the goods in which he deals. The interior is of spacious dimensions and handsomely appointed throughout, substantial counters and shelves surrounding the shop, and every convenience being provided for the extensive trade.

The front portion of the premises is devoted to the grocery department, in which may be obtained the choicest qualities of tea, coffee, fruits, preserves, and all kinds of household and domestic requirements. To the rear is the wine and spirit department, containing the finest old vintage wines and well-matured spirits, specially imported for this trade direct from the principal distillers and wine growers at home and abroad. Amongst the different brands of well-known growers and shippers may be mentioned Messrs. Garvey & Co.; Gonzalez, Byass, & Co.; G. G. Sandeman, Sons, & Co.; Cockburn, Smith, & Co.; N. Johnson & Co.; Giesler; Pommery; and many others. Behind this is a splendidly appointed wine store, fitted throughout with brick bins of unusual solidity, and there are warehouses and stores in addition in the rear. A large

wholesale trade is done by Mr. RONAYNE, who exports his celebrated blends of old Irish whiskies to England and the Colonies.

Mr. RONAYNE numbers amongst his patrons Lord Midleton, who owns the greater part of the property around Midleton. Many other customers are also supplied with old Irish whiskies in London, Liverpool, Epsom, Burton-on-Trent, and through the South of England, and this connection is sufficient guarantee of the purity and excellence of liquors dealt in by Mr. RONAYNE, who has also established a very extensive and influential retail connection in the district, which embraces the principal county families and gentry in the South of Ireland. Amongst the Colonial patrons it may not be out of place to mention the name of Mr. Daniel Brophy, millionaire, of Ballarat. This gentleman, who is a "Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great," and a "Count of the Holy Roman Empire," left his birthplace, Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, in the "Black" famine year of 1847, when only 14 years of age, for America. Eventually, on the discovery of Gold in Australia, he went to Ballarat, where he made an immense fortune.

Mr. RONAYNE personally conducts the business, and is unsparing in his efforts to maintain the high reputation so long enjoyed by this establishment for the superiority of all goods supplied; and, in conclusion, as showing the determination to keep pace with the requirements of the times, we may say that Mr. RONAYNE is having one of "Bartlett's Patent London Gas Coffee Roasters" put down, which insures the coffee being properly roasted, as the heat can be regulated at will. This no doubt will soon be appreciated by the patrons of this house.

## NICHOLAS WALSH &amp; SON,

General Hardware Merchants, Ironmongers, and Importers, Steam Mills, Midleton.

ONE of the most important and comprehensive commercial undertakings in the South of Ireland is controlled under the title of Messrs. NICHOLAS WALSH AND SON, General Hardware Merchants and Ironmongers, Importers, and Steam Saw and Corn Mill Proprietors, of whose extensive business operations we have pleasure in presenting this brief outline to our readers. The foundation of this great trading and industrial concern dates back half a century, when it was established on a comparatively modest scale by the late Mr. Nicholas Walsh, who continued the business with great success for many years, being subsequently joined by his son, Mr. Michael H. Walsh, who has, since the death of the senior partner a short time back, assumed the sole proprietorship. The premises occupied by the firm in Midleton are centrally situated, and comprise handsome and commodious block of building erected to the order of the late head of the firm, and having a frontage to the street of 200 feet, the elevation being of three stories. The building is divided into three departments, the first being a handsomely appointed wine and spirit stores, fitted throughout with decorations in polished wood, presenting an ornate and effective appearance, and well stocked with the highest qualities of old-vintage wines and matured spirits. Next door to this is the ironmongery and hardware warehouse, containing an extensive assortment of general, household, and builders' ironmongery, farming implements, stable requisites, seeds, manures, and a great variety of agricultural requisites. The furnishing warehouse occupies the

whole of three flats as showrooms, and here may be inspected the large and varied assortment of household furniture, sufficiently comprehensive to enable the proprietor to equip at an hour's notice dwellings of any magnitude from the cottage of the labourer to the nobleman's mansion. In the rear of the warehouse are the extensive saw and corn mills, fitted with the most improved machinery driven by a 14 h.p. engine and boiler, supplied by the firm of Messrs. Thomas Robinson and Son, Limited, Rochdale. Here also are situated the timber yard and stores, containing large quantities of the finest timber, slates, bricks, cement, iron, steel, lead, corrugated iron, felt, paints, oils, leather, ropes, zinc, chains, and every description of builders' requirements. In addition the firm has a large cabinet works, in which are employed a large staff of experienced hands in the manufacture of the best description of furniture for the warehouse. A widespread connection has been established by the firm extending throughout the South of Ireland, each department sustaining a first-class all-round trade, both wholesale and retail, gained by the high-class quality which has always formed the standard of the house in every article supplied by the establishment. The proprietor, Mr. Walsh, is a gentleman of great business enterprise and abilities—qualities which it will not be considered impertinent to suggest were inherited from his respected father—and has, by his energetic and prudent administration, well sustained the reputation so long enjoyed by the firm as one of the leading and most influential trading concerns in the district.

## DAY BROTHERS,

Merchant Tailors and Outfitters, Main Street, Midleton.

ONE of the oldest and best known business establishments in Midleton is conducted under the title of Messrs. DAY BROTHERS, merchant tailors and outfitters, Main Street, to which we have pleasure in directing the attention of our readers. The business was founded sixty years ago by the late Mr. William Day, who was succeeded by his sons, of whom the sole representative now is Mr. David C. Day. The premises occupied by the firm are conveniently arranged, having a good window frontage providing advantageous facilities for the display of a stock of high-class cloths, tweeds, woollens, etc. The interior is suitably appointed, with cutting department and workroom in the rear, and is fully stocked with a well-selected assortment of new season's materials in all the latest patterns. The trade is entirely bespoke, and is chiefly confined to orders for gentlemen's morning and evening suits, ladies' habits, hunting breeches,

servants' liveries, etc., made in the most fashionable styles by careful and experienced workmen on the premises. Special attention is directed to the cutting department, which is conducted under the personal direction of the principal, whose thoroughly practical experience of his art ensures perfection in fit, make, and finish of every garment supplied by the firm. An extensive and old-established connection has been formed by the firm, which embraces the leading county families and gentry in the district, whose appreciatory support and continued confidence have been gained by the high-class quality of all goods obtained from the establishment. Mr. Day is widely known and respected in local circles, and has, by his uniform courtesy and attentive consideration to the patrons of the firm, secured a well-deserved continuance of the commercial success so long associated with this old-established house.



**MORAN'S CENTRAL HOTEL, 133 and 134, Bank Place, Mallow.**

THE pleasant "oasis" indicated above is one of the best commercial and family hosteleries in Ireland, and can be recommended without hesitation to the travelling public who may find themselves in this part of the country. The Hotel is built of concrete, is of very neat exterior, and enjoys an excellent and central position. It was specially erected by the present proprietor, Mr. John Moran, and is fitted up inside in the most comfortable modern style. The dining-room, commercial room, buffet, and billiard and smoke-room are just what such public rooms should be, while the sleeping accommoda-

tion is specially attended to. As a caterer, Mr. Moran stands alone in Mallow, is steward for the Mallow Club, and a past master of the business in all its branches. With the excellence of his *cuisine* and the liberality of his *menu* he joins a tariff which is probably the lowest of the kind in the world, considering the first-class character of the establishment. His wine list, too, contains all the best vintages, whiskies, brandies, and liqueurs. Taken all round, the CENTRAL HOTEL sets an example worthy of imitation, and eminently deserves the large share of popularity it so conspicuously enjoys.

**J. & R. WEBB, Roller Flour Millers, Quartertown and Mallow Mills, Mallow.**

THE introduction of roller machinery into the flour-manufacturing industry of this country has not only saved it from the extinction with which it was menaced by foreign competition, but has rendered it a most productive field for the investment of capital and the application of enterprise and business aptitude. This fact may be illustrated by the history of the above Mills, which, before they were acquired by the Messrs. WEBB, were neither large nor commercially eminent. Now they are among the foremost in Ireland in size and production, are fitted with a superb milling plant on the latest automatic rolling system, and supplied with water, steam, and electric motors of the most powerful types. This metamorphosis has been gradual, but it is, nevertheless, noteworthy, and indicates the happy change that has been effected in the mechanical outfit of the industry, no less than the great enterprise and capacity of the Messrs. WEBB.

As to the Mills themselves they are situated about one mile from Mallow alongside the Blackwater, and comprise two groups of premises some distance from one another. The premises, besides the Mills proper,

have enormous storage accommodation, and have power communication by electric cable. The Quartertown Mill is the principal, and consists of five or six blocks of buildings rising to half a dozen stories, engine and boiler houses, immense storage sheds, and offices, over which a lofty chimney stack stands sentinel. Electricity is used for lighting throughout, and there are splendid transport facilities inside and outside, including a railway siding. The roller machinery is of the best American type, and was made by Messrs. E. R. & F. Turner, well-known specialists in this line, of London. The output includes nine classes of flour, whole and oatmeal, Indian meal, bran, pollard, and calf-feeding flour. About 120 hands are employed. The firm trades entirely on its own account, and commands a fine business.

Both the founders of this distinguished concern are now dead, and Mr. Charles Arthur Webb is at present sole owner. He personally directs both the manufacturing and commercial operations of the firm, and is ably assisted therein by his manager, Mr. Perry. Mr. WEBB is a large landowner in the district, and enjoys an influential position in mercantile and private circles.

**P. J. SHEAHAN & SON, Iron and Hardware Merchants,  
Main Street, Mallow.**

AMONG the chief establishments of Mallow is that carried on in Main Street under the title of P. J. SHEAHAN & SON, and devoted to the iron and hardware business. The house was opened a quarter of a century back by Mr. P. J. Sheahan, who died ten years ago, and who was succeeded by his son, who also died three years after. For the last three years the business has been managed in the interest of minors by Mr. James J. Carroll with the most marked success. The shop is well fitted and heavily stocked, and further large stocks are carried in extensive stores to the rear. Forming a

distributive centre for a wide district, the range of goods is of the most comprehensive kind. Thus there are light and heavy hardware goods, house fittings, builders' requisites, iron and steel farm implements and machinery, farm seeds, fertilizers, drain pipes, chains, kitchen and farm ironmongery, stable requisites, timber, paints, oils, colours, and such like. The business has long enjoyed a valuable connection, and under Mr. Carroll's management this has been ably maintained. As a first-class house nothing could be desired better, and it creditably sustains the business reputation and enterprise of this busy and prosperous centre.

## JOHN PUNCH & COMPANY, Family Grocers and Wine Merchants, Fermoy.

THESE reviews of the leading representative houses in the various departments of commercial enterprise in the South of Ireland must necessarily include the great business establishment conducted under the title of Messrs. JOHN PUNCH & Co., Family Grocers and Wine Merchants, Fermoy, whose pre-eminent position in the trade certainly merits distinctive recognition in this work on the mercantile advancement and industrial progress of the district. The history of the firm dates back to 1851, when the business was founded under its present title by Mr. John Punch, who still continues the sole proprietor, and who has, by his energetic conduct of the undertaking, built up upon the substantial foundation of public confidence a solid and enduring reputation for the house he so ably controls. The premises are centrally situated, and form a commanding block of imposing proportions with handsome front elevation and extensive plate-glass windows, which are, it may be added, without the display of goods considered necessary by firms of inferior standing in order to advertise their wares. The interior is of commodious proportions and beautifully appointed throughout with artistic taste, the dark colour of the woodwork of the show cases, shelves, etc., presenting a very effective appearance. The establishment is well lighted by openings from the roof, and is replete with modern and improved appliances for facilitating the operations of the business. The stocks held in the grocery and Italian warehouse embrace every variety of the highest quality of new and seasonable goods, their fresh and attractive condition being insured by the fact that supplies are constantly renewed from the great commercial centres at frequent intervals. The price list issued by the firm gives in comprehensive detail the leading articles held in stock, which will be found, on

comparing the prices with those of other houses in the trade, vastly to the advantage of buyers at this establishment.

The leading position held by the firm in the wine trade as importers of old standing, whose connection with many of the principal Continental shippers dates back nearly half a century, affords a reliable guarantee that the stocks held by Messrs. PUNCH have been selected in the best possible manner, matured under the most favourable conditions, and entered at unusually moderate prices, having regard to their superior character. In the spirit department they have for many years past enjoyed the privilege of bonding in their own superior sherry casks at the leading distilleries in Ireland (John Jameson & Son's, Power & Son's, Wise's, and others), and have accumulated an immense reserve of over 10,000 gallons, from three to twelve years old, from which to supply the daily demand of the customers of the firm. Nor is the sister country unrepresented in Messrs. PUNCH's cellars and bonded stores, the finest qualities of mellow old Scotch whiskies finding a place in their catalogue, together with old French brandies and other spirits of approved makes. The connection established by the firm extends to the principal nobility and landed gentry in the district, and even in England they have an important and increasing business in specialties such as vintage wines and rare old whisky of exceptional merit. By applying to the business ample experience, technical skill, and the judicious expenditure of capital—the essential elements of commercial success—Messrs. PUNCH have secured, as family grocers and wine merchants, one of the largest provincial trades in Ireland—a gratifying and well-deserved proof of public appreciation, with which they have considerable reason to be eminently satisfied.

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## H. A. DANIELS, Merchant Tailor, Clothier, and Military Outfitter, Queen Square, Fermoy.

THE higher grade of the merchant tailoring and outfitting business finds unusually good expression in the attractive establishment of Mr. HENRY A. DANIELS, of Fermoy. He has carried on the business for thirty years, and has enjoyed during that period a flattering reputation and an influential and representative patronage. The premises occupy an excellent position in Queen Square, and are large, suitable, and well arranged. A large show window to the shop is very neatly decorated with the crest of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Like all west houses, this firm makes no display in the window, while the shop itself is admirably fitted, tastefully ordered, and splendidly stocked. The ranges of fine cloths shown do credit to the knowledge displayed in their selection, and embrace all the fabrics proper for dress purposes, hunting outfits, military uniforms, liveries, and riding habits. The tweeds of Irish, English, and Scotch origin are mainly the latest fashion-

able makes and designs for everyday and sporting wear with various old favourites in serges, &c., which never seem to go out of fashion. Mr. DANIELS shows also a superb selection of general outfitting goods, such as dress, riding, and driving gloves; hosiery, collars, scarves, umbrellas, waterproofs, and hats. To the rear of the shop, which goes a long distance back, are the tailors' workrooms, where a picked staff is employed in making-up operations. This is the special feature of the business, and it is not too much to say that the style, fit, and workmanship rival those of the chief Metropolitan houses. The connection lies mainly among the members of local fashionable circles, though by no means confined thereto. Among other distinguished patrons we may mention H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, whose special appointment Mr. DANIELS has the honour of holding. The proprietor gives the business his close personal supervision, and spares no effort to sustain the *prestige* and efficiency of his establishment.



**FERMOY DAIRY COMPANY, Fermoy.***Proprietor: MR. P. DUNLEA.*

BUTTER is one of the most important of Irish products, and the determined and successful effort made by Irish dairymen to hold the London and English markets against Continental butters of the finest qualities is one of the most pleasing and gratifying features in the agricultural industry of the time. The introduction of scientific dairying on a large scale has been one of the main factors in this result, and we are therefore specially happy in being able to devote a portion of our space to the FERMOY DAIRY COMPANY, one of the best and latest of Irish district dairies. The enterprise was inaugurated last year by Mr. Philip Dunlea, who is sole proprietor of the concern, with the object of providing the district

with the most remunerative and improved facilities for butter-making for the English market. The premises form a one-storey block of considerable extent supplied with steam power and all the best and most approved apparatus for raising, dividing, and churning the cream. We need hardly say that more than Dutch cleanliness reigns throughout, and that the process of butter-making as here carried on gives results that cannot be excelled. The farmers around provide an ample supply of fresh milk of high quality. The enterprise has met with the success it deserves, and could not be in better hands than those of the energetic and experienced gentleman who is responsible for the inception and management of such a much-needed and valuable undertaking.

**THOMAS FOX, Woollen and Linen Draper, Hosier, Haberdasher, Silk Mercer,  
and Laceman, Queen Square, Fermoy.**

MR. FOX's establishment enjoys one of the best situations in Fermoy, facing the square and the bridge over the Blackwater. The business has been carried on for more than sixty years, and was acquired by Mr. Fox fifteen years ago, the whole premises undergoing, at his hands, that thorough renovation and re-fitting which has given his warehouse its present modern and attractive character. The show windows are always neatly dressed, and present a selection of the latest fashionable goods and ideas in costumes and millinery. Counters and convenient shelving run round the interior, which goes a long way back; overhead are further warerooms; and, to the rear, workrooms for milliners and modistes. The stock is fresh, fashionable, and well selected, and is most comprehensive in its range of

goods. Thus there are tweeds and woollens, Manchester goods, cretonnes and fancy prints, hosiery, silks, velvets, linens, calicoes, shawls, millinery, straw bonnets hats, caps, waterproofs, mantles, mourning goods, laces, haberdashery, perfumery, and many other lines. Both sexes are catered for, and the making-up departments, dealing with suits, liveries, mantles, and millinery, have long enjoyed the highest reputation. The staff of assistants is large enough to secure prompt attention, Mr. Fox himself assuming the responsibility of the general management. The "up to date" character of everything connected with the concern is by no means its least pleasing feature, and the position and popularity it enjoys have been fairly won by catering for the public in that spirited manner which rarely fails to command their appreciation and support.

**DENNIS McDONNELL, Fishing and Shooting Agent,  
2 and 3, Main Street, Killarney.**

THERE are few better known and more popular personalities in Killarney than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this notice—Mr. DENNIS McDONNELL, who has recently embarked in the business of Family Grocer, Wine and Spirit Merchant, 2 and 3, Main Street. For many years past Mr. McDONNELL has been connected, in the capacity of sub-manager, with the Victoria Hotel, and, in addition, has acted for a long period for the principal property owners in the district as agent for nearly all the shootings and fishings in Killarney, and in this direction has acquired a wide measure of popular favour with all sorts and conditions of sportsmen, tourists, and visitors to this favoured locality. His intimate knowledge of every branch of sport has gained him many friends amongst the votaries of the gun and rod; and as a keen judge of dogs his opinion has been often sought and invariably appreciated

by many of the leading authorities on canine matters. Possessing these qualifications, it is not surprising that Mr. McDONNELL should be much in request in the shooting and fishing seasons, and, as he advises with expert authority in all these branches, his services are always in demand. The establishment recently opened by Mr. McDONNELL is a neat and compact shop well stocked with the choicest groceries, and wines and spirits of the most approved brands, selected by the proprietor with his accustomed good judgment and taste to satisfy the critical requirements of the high-class *clientèle* for which he caters. Here Mr. McDONNELL may be seen and consulted daily on the various business matters with which he is concerned, and we may add that the most timid or inexperienced novice in sport will find in this gentleman a genial and courteous guide, whose wide range of knowledge will be of inestimable value to the questioner.

**GRAHAM'S HOTEL, The Glebe, Killarney.**

*A moderate-priced Hotel for people who wish to see the Lakes at a moderate cost.*

VISITORS to this beautiful and romantic district will find at GRAHAM'S new Hotel all the accommodation usual in really first-class establishments at charges which at once suggest that the bad old times, when extortion was only too rife, have disappeared for ever. The proprietor, Mr. John Graham, commenced business in Killarney in 1886, selecting as the site of his operations the Hotel in New Street, from which he removed in the present year to the fine establishment which was formerly the Glebe House, and which, at a cost of £2,000, has been adapted to the requirements of a modern first-class Hotel. The accommodation includes spacious and well-furnished dining-rooms and drawing-rooms and a number of good airy bedrooms. The Hotel stands in its own grounds, in

which ample provision is made for lawn tennis and other outdoor amusements; and the resources of the establishment include well-appointed cars, waggonettes, boats, etc., for viewing the surrounding scenery and objects of interest in the neighbourhood. A splendid series of tours has been organised by Mr. Graham, whom it is only fair to credit with having been the pioneer in arranging a systematic programme of delightful excursions in Killarney. The tariff of charges is framed on an exceedingly moderate scale, and may be had free by post from the proprietor, or from any of Messrs. Gaze's (the tourist agents) offices, together with a full programme of the chief points of interest to be viewed in this delightful spot.

**J. O'LEARY, Wholesale and Retail Draper, Millinery and Fancy Warehouse,**

**The Munster House, Main Street, Killarney.**

BUSINESS enterprise in Killarney is adequately represented by Mr. JOHN O'LEARY, Wholesale and Retail Draper, Milliner, &c., a visit to whose Munster House, in Main Street, Killarney, will serve to convince our readers of the vitality of the commercial activity in this widely popular health and pleasure resort. This gentleman commenced business a quarter of a century ago in the town, and after some changes of address, necessitated by the continual expansion of his trade, finally acquired the handsome and commodious site in Main Street, where he is now located. The premises comprise large warehouse, with attractive glass frontage and spacious and well-appointed interior, providing every convenience for the effective display of the stock in the various departments. These include ladies' dress materials in all the newest fabrics—silks, velvets, and plushes—homespun serges, Irish tweeds and

meltons, mantles, jackets, and millinery; shawls, shirtings, and handkerchiefs; calicoes, flannels, linens, towelling, hosiery, scarves, ties, collars, and gloves; ladies' underclothing; and a wide assortment of high-class boots and shoes for ladies', gentlemen's, and children's wear. Every article supplied by the proprietor will be found on inspection of sterling quality and value at prices suitable to all classes of customers, and we may mention that Mr. O'LEARY invites inspection of his comprehensive stock without any importunity to purchase, relying on the superior quality of his wares as the best and most effective advertisement to buyers. Mr. O'LEARY is widely known and esteemed in both commercial and social circles, and, having been on three occasions a Commissioner of the town, has done good public service to his fellow-citizens in forwarding to the best of his ability all movements having for their object the welfare and prosperity of Killarney.

**J. M. SLATTERY, Bacon Curer and Butter and Egg Merchant, Tralee.**

A WIDELY-KNOWN representative house engaged in this branch of the provision trade is that of Mr. JEREMIAH M. SLATTERY, whose extensive bacon-curing and butter and egg warehouse has now been in active existence in Tralee for half a century past. The business was originally established by this gentleman's father, and was subsequently acquired by the present proprietor seventeen years ago. The premises occupied by Mr. SLATTERY are centrally situated in the town, and comprise office and stores with large bacon factory in the rear, provided with every convenience for killing and curing operations and the storage of large quan-

ties of home produce. This comprises the choicest qualities of Irish butters, including "The Listowel Roses" and the finest "Rose Dairy," well known as the leading brands of Kerry—world-famed for the excellence of its dairy produce. The bacon cured at this establishment is exclusively home grown, and as "Slattery's Crown Mild Cure" is widely appreciated by the leading buyers for the principal Irish and English markets, the proprietor has the largest dealings as a butter merchant in the district. Mr. SLATTERY is well known at all the local markets and fairs as the most extensive buyer of pigs, butter, and eggs, which are shipped in large quantities to England and other centres of consumption.



**ROBERT McCOWEN & SONS, Importers, Merchants, and Manufacturers, Tralee.**

THE history of this important and widely comprehensive commercial and industrial undertaking dates back to 1844, when the business was originally founded on a comparatively modest scale as a seed stores by the present head of the firm, Robert McCowen, Esq., J.P., and has from time to time been developed and extended by the addition of other departments, embracing sawing and grinding mills; the supply of corn, flour, and feeding stuffs; the importation of coal, iron, and hardware; timber, slates, and other building materials; and the erection of foundry and iron works for the manufacture of agricultural implements. As the business enlarged the scope of its operations, new premises have been secured, and to-day it is in no sense an exaggeration to designate this business as the largest of the kind in this district. In 1881 the senior proprietor was joined in partnership by his two sons, the firm now including the founder, Robert McCowen, Jun., Esq., and William Henry McCowen, trading under the style indicated at the head of this notice. It would be impossible, in the brief space allotted to this sketch, to attempt a detailed description of the various departments, and we shall therefore be content to summarize the several branches of the business of interest to our readers. The headquarters and country house of the firm are centrally situated in the Mall, and comprise large corner establishment, with extensive frontages to that thoroughfare and Denny Street; this spacious warehouse being heavily stocked with a comprehensive assortment of ironmongery and hardware; agricultural seeds and implements; ropes, iron; and an immense variety of farming, dairy, and stable requisites by the leading makers at home and abroad. In Edward Street are situated the extensive saw mills and grinding mills,

which are replete with the newest and most improved steam-power machinery for these processes, and lit by electricity. Messrs. McCowen are also proprietors of the Old Chapel Mills and the "Shamrock" Mills in the town. A branch warehouse in Barrack Street is occupied for the storage and exhibition of the heavier classes of agricultural machinery and implements, for which the firm hold agencies for all the principal manufacturers of these appliances. The foundry is situated in Edward Street, and here the firm produce specialties of their own in farming implements, heavy ironmongery, and agricultural requisites generally. The other departments include two large timber yards; slate and building material stores; six coal yards; and eight ranges of granaries and corn and seed stores, situated in various parts of the town. Nor does this comprehensive list entirely exhaust the limits of the ample resources of the firm, Messrs. McCowen having a large branch establishment at Dingle under the management of Mr. Talbot, and to this town are consigned all foreign timber and grain imported by the firm. A splendidly illustrated catalogue of 100 pp. is annually issued by the proprietors, containing full details of the new season's seeds and other agricultural requirements, which should find a place on the bookshelf of everyone interested in these matters. The head of the firm, Robert McCowen, Senior, is widely known and esteemed in local circles, and in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace and Grand Juror for the County, and member of both the Harbour and Town Commissioners, has rendered valuable and untiring service in the interests of the community. He is Deputy Chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Light Railway, and Director of Tralee and Finit Railway, and has secured the respect of all classes of his fellow townsmen.

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**JOHN NOLAN, Butter, Egg, and Bacon Merchant,****7, Russell Street, Tralee.**

THERE is no agricultural district in the kingdom which bears a higher or more distinctive reputation for the superior excellence of farm and dairy produce than does County Kerry, which has long been famed for the exceptionally high quality of its butter, eggs, and milk—articles which find a ready market both at home and abroad. In connection with this important trade, we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers one of the oldest-established houses in Tralee, which was founded half a century ago by the present proprietor, Mr. JOHN NOLAN, butter, egg, and bacon merchant, and has, during that lengthened period, attained a position second to none in the district. The premises occupied by Mr. NOLAN are situated in Russell Street, and comprise extensive wholesale and retail stores for bacon and eggs, with splendid butter stores, part of which faces Pembroke Street. These stores were specially built for the trade, and form a substantial stone building conveniently arranged for the purposes of the business, and

capable of affording accommodation for large quantities of the finest qualities of Irish mild and salt butters, for which the house is noted, and which are the produce of the principal creameries and butter factories in Kerry and other parts of the district, which are exported in considerable quantities to the English markets. They have in course of construction business premises in Fennell Street, Manchester, where samples of the various products are to be seen. Mr. NOLAN is also a heavy buyer of American bacon and hams, which he supplies to the leading provision houses in the district. The business throughout is of a most successful and substantial character, Mr. NOLAN now leaving the more active duties of the management to his three sons, who are able and efficient representatives of their senior, whose long connection with the trade, and consistently-honourable and straightforward methods, have won for him the well-deserved respect of all classes of the commercial community.

# ORR & RIPPINGALE, Wholesale and Retail Merchants,

17 and 18, The Square, Tralee.

IN a great agricultural centre of the importance and extent of Co. Kerry, an indispensable branch of productive and manufacturing enterprise is adequately represented by the firm of Messrs. ORR & RIPPINGALE, Wholesale and Retail Merchants, and universal providers of implements of husbandry and all farming requisites, whose establishment at 17 and 18, The Square, Tralee, will well repay a visit of inspection. The business was commenced by the above-named gentleman during the present year, succeeding the old-established firm of Messrs. Hodgins & Co., the partners including Mr. Thomas W. Orr and Mr. William Rippingale. Both these gentlemen had had several years' previous experience in the trade, having gained their practical knowledge in the eminent houses of Messrs. J. and G. Boyd, Limited, Limerick, and McKenzie and Sons, Limited, Cork, thus acquiring a thorough acquaintance with the leading markets, &c., and the principal centres of production. The premises occupied by the firm comprise large warehouse facing the Square, with spacious and well-appointed interior, presenting every convenience for the storage of the immense varieties of articles contained in the several departments. These include general and furnishing ironmongery and hardware; dairy, farm, and stable requisites; lamps and oils;

household furniture; beds; bedding; carpets, and rugs, and all kinds of agricultural implements and food-producing machinery, for which it may be noted that the proprietors are agents for the well-known firms of Walter A. Wood, of Hosick Falls, N.Y.; Bamford and Son, Leighton Iron Works, Uttoxeter; E. H. Bentall & Co., Heybridge, Essex; Powell, Pyus, and Whittaker, Wrexham; and J. and F. Howard, Bedford. In Market Square, about two minutes' walk from the warehouse, the firm occupies extensive stores for large stocks of all kinds of farm seeds, artificial manures, &c., which are specially imported from the best sources of supply for this trade. It would be difficult to speak too highly of the comprehensive resources of this establishment, which enable the proprietors to execute on the shortest notice orders of any magnitude for the furnishing complete of a cottage or a mansion, or the full equipment of a farm or dairy with all the newest and most modern appliances and agricultural and farming requisites. An extensive and rapidly increasing business has been established by the firm during their brief connection with the trade, and, if well-directed energy and enterprise deserve success, it is safe to assume that these qualities will gain for Messrs. ORR & RIPPINGALE a substantial future development of their present well-deserved prosperity.

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## HOGG & COMPANY,

Special Teamen, Family Grocers, Italian and Fancy Goods Warehousemen,

Stationers, etc., 32, Denny Street, Tralee.

THERE are few more notable examples of business enterprise in Tralee than is supplied by the handsome and attractive establishment conducted by Messrs. HOGG & COMPANY, the popular Special Teamen, Family Grocers, Italian Warehousemen, and Fancy Goods Dealers, etc., to which we invite the attention of our readers. The business is of comparatively recent date, having been established in 1889, but, by the energetic management of the firm, it has already secured a substantial measure of public favour and encouragement. The premises are centrally situated at 32, Denny Street, the leading thoroughfare of the town, and adjacent to the Post Office, and occupy a capital business position. The establishment comprises large double-fronted warehouse of attractive appearance, and is very effectively appointed throughout in tasteful

style. The side devoted to the grocery is fully stocked with a splendid assortment of new season's teas (bought direct from the London market and offered at prices defying competition), fruit, general groceries, Italian warehouse goods, and high-class provisions of super-excellence of quality; each article being carefully selected from the best sources of supply specially for this trade. In the fancy goods and stationery department the firm offers a wide selection of goods for inspection suitable for presents and other purposes. An extensive and influential connection has already been established by the firm in the town and throughout the district, and, from the enterprise with which the business is conducted, it is safe to assume for this admirably managed concern a permanent and prosperous future career.



## THOMAS GALVIN,

Importer and General Merchant, Tralee.

FOR upwards of half a century past the business now conducted by Mr. THOMAS GALVIN, importer and general merchant, wholesale druggist, and drysalter, has been justly recognised as one of the leading commercial houses in Tralee, amply meriting prominent mention in these reviews. The history of the business dates back to 1840, when it was founded by the late Mr. William Galvin, who was succeeded five years ago by the present proprietor. The premises occupied by this gentleman are centrally situated at 22 and 23, Bridge Street, and comprise two large single shops extending a considerable distance to the back, with intercommunication in the rear. One of the shops has been recently added to the original premises by Mr. GALVIN for the machine-knitting business, and in which he holds a large stock of wools of all descriptions for the manufacture of hosiery. In the other premises are included a wide and

comprehensive range of oils, salt, soaps and chandlery, and other domestic requisites, and an immense assortment of household and trade commodities too numerous for detailed specification. Mr. GALVIN is also a direct importer on an extensive scale of American and other brands of petroleum and illuminating oils, salt, and many articles in general demand. To facilitate this branch, Mr. GALVIN built commodious premises, convenient to the Quay, covering half an acre. An extensive connection has been established by Mr. GALVIN and his predecessor throughout the County Kerry, and the warehouse is daily thronged with country visitors and other buyers, who eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity for purchasing from this establishment when in town. Mr. GALVIN is widely known and respected in local circles, and is a member of the Harbour Commissioners.

## THE MUNSTER CASH CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Drapers, 19 and 20, The Mall, Tralee.

ONE of the most extensive establishments in this trade in Tralee is the well-known business conducted under the title of the MUNSTER CASH Co., Wholesale and Retail Drapers, &c., which has been in active existence for upwards of three-quarters of a century, and was acquired about ten years ago by the firm of Messrs. John Perry and Co., who have since that date successfully continued the undertaking under the style indicated at the head of this notice. The establishment is situated in the heart of the busiest portion of the town at 19 and 20, The Mall, the premises comprising handsome and commodious warehouse of three flats, with imposing window frontage of plate glass, in which is tastefully displayed a splendid assortment of high-class goods in all the new season's novelties. The interior is of spacious proportions, and is fitted throughout in elegant modern style, the warehouse extending on one side to a distance of 130ft. to the rear, this portion of the establishment being devoted to the ladies' department, and forming a splendid showroom beautifully fitted with dark woodwork and well lighted by a fine glass roof. The stocks held by the firm in the several departments have been selected with discriminating taste from the principal English and Continental centres, and an inspection of the various novelties submitted for approval will amply evidence the careful skill with which the proprietors endeavour to satisfy the requirements of the public in this direction. The stock

embraces every description of general drapery, dress goods in the most fashionable fabrics, calicoes and prints, haberdashery, ladies' and gentlemen's hosiery and ready-mades, boots and shoes, hats and caps, woollens and Irish tweeds, and millinery, costumes, and general outfittings. Large workrooms on the premises provide convenient accommodation for a staff of expert *modistes* and milliners engaged in the execution of orders in these departments, and in the showrooms visitors may inspect the latest London and Parisian styles in these adjuncts to a lady's fashionable toilette. In the house-furnishing department is exhibited a wide range of carpets, rugs, bedding, and other goods of a similar character of the highest class quality and superior finish. As the title of the firm suggests, the business is conducted entirely on the cash principle, a system of trading that enables the proprietors to purchase at first hand in the best markets, and, by avoiding intermediate profits, to place to the advantage of their patrons a uniform standard of quality and value impossible under credit conditions. An efficient staff of about fifty sale assistants and work hands is engaged in the various departments of the business under the competent control of Mr. Hoffman, the courteous manager of the firm, whose unremitting efforts are constantly exercised in maintaining the systematic order and organisation necessary in the conduct of an establishment of this extent and importance.

## JOHN CURTAYNE,

Carriage Builder, 2, Upper Castle Street, Tralee.

A VERY thriving and successful business has been established in Tralee by Mr. JOHN CURTAYNE, Carriage Builder, whose well-known works and showroom in Upper Castle Street we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers. Mr. CURTAYNE commenced in trade about fourteen years ago, and by dint of energy and perseverance rapidly developed a first-class business, for which the premises he then occupied in Nelson Street became insufficient in accommodation, compelling his removal to a more commodious site. This was found at 2, Upper Castle Street, to which he removed in 1888; the premises here comprising spacious showroom with office and large yard and factory in the rear. The establishment offers for inspection a splendid assortment of all kinds of vehicles of new designs and

highly finished workmanship, together with a wide selection of india-rubber mats, waterproof aprons, lamps, whip holders, and every description of car and carriage furnishings. Special attention is directed by the proprietor to repairs, painting, etc., which are executed in first-class style at very moderate charges. An extensive local and country connection has been established by Mr. CURTAYNE throughout the district, his circle of patronage extending to the principal resident gentry in the county of Kerry, in addition to a first-rate trade in town. The services of a staff of skilful workmen are employed in the factory under the personal supervision of the proprietor, whose thoroughly practical experience in every branch of the trade ensures the highest efficiency in the management of each department of the business.

## JOHN B. HEALY,

Builder and Contractor, Plumber and Gas Fitter, &amp;c.,

Edward Street, Tralee.

IN selecting for the purposes of this work the leading firms engaged in commercial and industrial operations in County Kerry, distinctive recognition must be accorded to Mr. JOHN B. HEALY, Builder and Contractor, Plumber and Gas Fitter, Plain and Ornamental Ironworker, and Stone and Marble Worker, whose extensive business fully entitles this undertaking to prominent notice in our columns. The history of the firm dates back to 1868, when it was founded by Messrs. John B. Healy and Patrick Healy, and was successfully continued by those gentlemen until three years ago, when a dissolution of partnership took place and the business was taken over by the former-named gentleman as sole proprietor, trading under the title of JOHN B. HEALY.

The premises occupied by the firm in Tralee are centrally situated in Edward Street near the railway station, and comprise offices and spacious warehouse, the latter containing large and valuable stocks of all kinds of plumbers' requisites, gas and water fittings, baths, basins, piping, and every description of builders' ironmongery, etc. In the rear are plumbers' workshops and forge, and here also is stocked a selection of ornamental ironwork. Adjoining the warehouse is an extensive stone yard and stonecutters' works, where all kinds of monumental and other designs in stone and

marble are executed by a staff of first-class workmen. On the opposite side of the street is a block of buildings devoted to the purposes of a saw mills, fully furnished with improved modern steam machinery and appliances for converting timber into joinery and mouldings of all descriptions for building purposes; and here also the firm has in operation a powerful steam stone-cutting machine, a marvellously ingenious piece of mechanical construction, effecting a great economy of labour and time in this work. Other yards and stores in the occupation of the firm are situated in other parts of the town, together with stables and cart sheds and every convenience for facilitating the operations of the business.

Mr. HEALY is also the proprietor of Ballybegan Limestone Quarries and Limekilns, the produce of which is held in high estimation for building purposes, as was evidenced by obtaining an award of a Prize Medal at the Cork Exhibition in 1883.

Mr. HEALY undertakes the execution of contracts of any magnitude for the construction of bridges, roads, waterworks, and every description of public and private edifices. The firm has been engaged for the last quarter of a century in executing and erecting all buildings of any importance throughout the county, and some very large works outside of the county, as well as all the modern buildings and improvements within the township.



## JOHN CLERKE &amp; CO.,

General Ironmongers; Hardware, Coal, Seed, and Guano Merchants;

35, South Main Street, Bandon.

PROMINENT among the leading business establishments in Bandon is the well-known house of Messrs. JOHN CLERKE & Co., General and Furnishing Ironmongers; Hardware, Coal, Seed, and Guano Merchants; of No. 35, South Main Street, and Weir Street. The business was founded about half a century ago by Mr. John Clerke, whose nephew, Mr. Emerson, succeeded to the proprietorship in 1882, and who still conducts the business with a marked degree of commercial success. The extensive and most commodious premises, situate in a most central part of the town, comprise a double-fronted shop possessing very fine plate-glass windows, well stocked showrooms, and in the rear of the premises convenient workshops and storage accommodation. The stock of hardware goods is necessarily of a most comprehensive character, being replete with items of interest and utility and all the best features of the lines engaged in, including every description of general ironmongery, both for domestic, tradesmen's, and agriculturists' use; brass goods, kitchen ranges, registers and stoves; cutlery, electroplate, kitchen requisites, lamps; garden chairs, mowing machines for the lawn, ploughs, and all kinds of agricultural and horticultural appliances, etc., etc. Indeed, one of the features upon which the firm prides itself—apart from

the excellent quality of the goods—is the large and varied stock always on hand, and, in the various departments of this extensive business establishment, will probably be found one of the largest, and certainly one of the best-selected, stocks of the above goods to be met with in the South of Ireland. At Weir Street are extensive stores for the deposit and sale of coal, seed, guano, and goods of a kindred nature; a large business being carried on in these departments with the leading farmers of the district. A large staff of polite and efficient—yet agreeably unobtrusive—assistants and workpeople find regular employment, the business in every department being under the immediate supervision of the principal, who conducts every branch with conspicuous energy and ability. We need hardly add to the foregoing remarks that Messrs. JOHN CLERKE & Co. control a first-class business connection, the wholesale departments in each of the several branches operating extensively in all parts of County Cork. Mr. Emerson occupies, as might be expected, a prominent and influential position in mercantile circles, and his expressed opinion on all current questions of commercial and social interest is ever received with the deference due to wide experience and high social and mercantile standing.

## R. BARRETT, East Gully Tannery, Bandon.

FROM time immemorial Bandon has been one of the principal seats of the leather tanning industry in Ireland, and, though the changed conditions of modern manufacturing enterprise have to a great extent transposed the trade elsewhere, there still remains in the representative house of Messrs. T. Barrett and Son, proprietors of the East Gully Tannery, a firm in every sense capable of upholding the ancient reputation of the town in the art of making leather. The history of this undertaking dates back to very remote times, having been formerly known as the Manor Mill of Bandon, and at that time was in the possession of Mr. Folley, who continued the business for many years, this gentleman being succeeded by Mr. Edwards, who in turn was followed by the late Mr. Timothy Barrett in 1821. The latter gentleman, father of the present proprietor, died at a very advanced age three years ago; and since that event Mr. R. BARRETT has taken the entire control of the tanning with marked success. The premises, known for many years as the East Gully Tannery, are of considerable extent, com-

prising the usual tanks, tan pits, drying sheds, etc., necessary for the various processes of the trade, the whole being very conveniently arranged and adapted for the business. The productions of the tannery include the highest qualities of upper leather and harness leather, for which Bandon has been for generations held in high estimation, and for which the manufactures of Mr. BARRETT bear a deservedly high reputation amongst buyers in all parts of the country. The services of a staff of skilled workmen are employed in the various processes of production, each of which is carefully directed by the principal, whose lifelong connection with the trade supplies a sufficient guarantee for the highest efficiency in every department of the business. Mr. BARRETT is widely known and respected in local circles, and as the last representative of this industry in Bandon, in which in former years no fewer than seventeen tanneries were in active progress, this gentleman may be fairly cited as an exemplification of the "survival of the fittest" in this particular branch of local industry.

## DAWSON BROTHERS,

General Drapers and Milliners, Bandon.

AMONG the oldest-established, most useful, and deservedly-popular drapery and millinery establishments in the historically-interesting town of Bandon is that of Messrs. DAWSON BROTHERS. The business has been in existence during the period of a century, and, with but a short interval, has been in the family of the present proprietors. The premises occupied constitute one of the most commanding business establishments in Bandon, possessing a double frontage of attractive appearance, the plate-glass windows displaying to advantage the elegant samples of household, family, and fancy drapery; millinery, mantles, and dress goods, which comprise the stock. On inspecting Messrs. DAWSON BROTHERS' establishment, one cannot help being impressed by the superior character of the stocks held, as well as the great variety shown in the various departments, each of which is capably managed by an efficient assistant, the whole being under the capable supervision of the proprietary. The articles shown embrace almost everything from the least expensive to the best makes the trade can produce, and ladies wanting fancy drapery can select to their hearts' content. In dress materials there is an extensive

stock in silks, satins, cashmeres, fancy materials, prints, etc., the other departments worthy of note embracing feathers, French flowers, fans, millinery, furs, jackets, mantles, cloaks, long cloths, flannels, blankets, sheets, etc., and are all good alike. An important branch of Messrs. DAWSON BROTHERS' business is the family mourning, which receives the closest attention of the partners, and all orders in this department are attended to with exemplary promptitude and in a manner well calculated to give satisfaction to patrons. It is very gratifying to note that the business in its entirety is one of much local and widespread importance, and employs in its various departments a numerous staff. The work-rooms devoted to the millinery, mantle, and jackets are commodious and airy apartments, the equipment of which reflects the highest credit upon the proprietors. The excellent taste and thorough business aptitude of Messrs. DAWSON BROTHERS are evidenced everywhere throughout the concern, and its recognised and favourable position in the commercial circles of the district is the direct outcome of proprietorial energy, enterprise, probity, and courtesy.

## MORRISSEY &amp; CO.,

Boot and Shoe Merchants, The London Boot House, Bandon.

ONE of the most eminent and fashionable boot and shoe establishments in the town of Bandon is that of Messrs. MORRISSEY & Co., who commenced business two years ago. The mart is known as the "London Boot House," and is centrally situate, being opposite the Post Office. The premises have an attractive street frontage, and are, internally, elegantly appointed and filled to repletion with a comprehensive stock of boots and shoes of very superior quality, in every way worthy of a house which is undoubtedly one of the best in the trade. Messrs. MORRISSEY & Co. organise their business routine with the definite object of providing for the upper and middle classes an establishment where fashionably made and, at the same time, durable boots and shoes can be obtained at reasonable charges, a fact which is daily verified by the numerous customers who patronise this establishment. Moreover, they supply measured goods of the highest class, both as respects quality and workmanship, and they evidence the superior

character of their business by the fact that they are the sole agents in Bandon for Mons. Pinet, the famous Parisian bootmaker, as well as for the "Westminster," the "Hardwear," and other renowned makes. The firm's showroom is particularly well worth inspection, as the house has always on hand excellent value in ladies' and gentlemen's wear, as well as a large assortment of juveniles' goods, the quality of which will be readily appreciated when seen. The bespoke department receives special attention, and, having given so much satisfaction during the past two years in regard to quality of work, exactness of fitting, and promptness of execution, has greatly increased. This embraces all ordinary as well as handsewn gentlemen's top boots, hunting boots, walking, dress, and athletic boots and shoes, &c., and will justify any confidence placed in them. The trade is extensive and well established. The principal is a gentleman of the highest commercial status and integrity, and well merits the success which attends his splendidly conducted enterprise.



**J. WALSH & CO.,****Wholesale Wine Merchants and Aerated Water Manufacturers, Bandon.**

To say that there is no business undertaking in County Cork better known or more ably conducted than that of Messrs. J. WALSH & Co. is simply to state what is a sound and thoroughly recognised fact in the commercial history of the district. It is now upwards of fifteen years since the great business was organised by Mr. J. Walsh, a gentleman conspicuous alike for business aptitude and the exceptionally able manner in which his work is administered. The premises occupied consist of finely-appointed bottling stores, with every appliance requisite for the prompt performance of the operations engaged in on the most improved principles. There is a commodious office and counting-house, and admirable stabling accommodation for the numerous horses and vans employed by the firm in the process of goods-delivery. The establishment extends to the rearwards a considerable distance, and terminates in the stores, where a magnificent stock is held in mineral waters, ales, stouts, cordials, wines, and spirits. Messrs. J. WALSH AND COMPANY'S Aerated Water Manufactory possesses the invaluable characteristic of thoroughness in its appointments. In every section of the work the appliances are of the best class, and there is here a very fine equipment of generating, mixing, bottling, and bottle-cleaning apparatus by one of the most renowned mineral water engineering firms. It would be a decidedly hopeless task to excel the splendid character and range of the stock held by the firm, and any attempt in this direction would certainly prove ill-advised and disappointing. In aerated waters are here represented ginger beer, lemonade, champagne cider, soda water, potass water, seltzer water, lithia water, ginger ale, &c., &c., while a large subsidiary trade is also

carried on in British cordials, including peppermint, ginger wine, lime-juice, raspberry vinegar, &c. Ale and stout-bottling also largely engages the firm's attention, and for this department the most effective plant has been laid down. Messrs. J. WALSH & Co. are, furthermore, extensive importers of all wines—notably ports and sherries—and hold large stocks of the best growths and vintages in each class. The cellars contain immense quantities of Scotch and Irish whiskies peculiarly free from fusel oil and all other contamination and nauseous constituents, and the maturity of which, combined with their agreeable mellowness of character and palatability, enables us to recommend them with confidence to the notice of connoisseurs. The pure blended rum, too, is of superior quality, free from deleterious matters, well matured, has a fine aroma, and, in fact, possesses all the characteristics peculiar to genuine old rum. The firm also holds thoroughly representative stocks of brandies and champagnes discreetly selected from the best sources of supply. Some idea may be gathered as to the extent of Messrs. J. WALSH & COMPANY'S business operations when it is stated that no fewer than 40 working hands are found requisite and kept engaged in an unremitting activity in supplying the large and varied demands of this valuable trade throughout its connections in the South of Ireland. All the affairs of the business are directed in a manner well befitting the status and magnitude of the concern as one of the first in its line in the kingdom, and it is gratifying to find that, under the auspices of Mr. Walsh's capable rule, the business in every department is receiving that augmented measure of popular and influential support which is the best guarantee of still higher commercial achievements.

**HENRY SCOTT (late James Moriarty),****Woollen, Manchester, and London Warehouse, Bandon.**

"CARE and industry do everything," a saying of Periander, one of the Seven Sages of Greece, is just as applicable in this competitive age as at any time. To unceasing industry nothing that is possible is impracticable, and action taken on these lines may be said to form the basis from which has sprung the success of the business with which we have to deal. Founded so long ago as 1835 by Mr. Trisellian, the business afterwards passed into the hands of Mr. James Moriarty, and was conducted by him for upwards of 40 years. The present proprietor, Mr. HENRY SCOTT, succeeded to

the establishment some 12 months since, and, successful as the house has always been, the advent of the new blood has already resulted in a distinct advance as regards prosperity. Mr. SCOTT'S credentials as to experience in every department of the business being of the highest order, the patrons of the establishment must perforce be gainers, both directly and indirectly, by the exercise of his ability and enterprising spirit. The business premises, situate at 92, South Main Street, Bandon, take the form of a neat and substantially-erected building. The shop has two very large plate-glass windows—one on each side of the entrance

to the establishment—neatly and tastefully dressed, and containing a choice selection of goods from the stock kept by the firm. The interior of the shop is well appointed in every way and runs back to a great depth—over 70 feet. It is well equipped with general drapery fittings, and counters on each side run the full length of the interior. To give a list from which to form an accurate idea of the extent and variety of the stock would be impossible; but the thorough manner in which Mr. HENRY SCOTT caters for his *clientèle* may be gathered from the mention of the following special departments of the house. In addition to general family mourning and liveries in all its branches, these include silk and other hats, caps, &c., Manchester goods, best West of England and Yorkshire cloths, Scotch and Irish tweeds, worsted coatings, serges, and vicunas, blankets, flannels and swan-skins, waterproof coats, umbrellas, British and foreign silks, Scotch and Manchester calicoes and muslins, shawls, mantles, fancy dresses, general hosiery and gloves, corsets, haberdashery and perfumery, French and English millinery, bonnets, ribbons, feathers, flowers, and parasols. Exigencies of space will not allow of more detailed mention than the above classified form, but sufficient has been said, perhaps, to convey an idea of the resources of this establishment. As a general thing, it is usual to include all businesses in this connection under the category of general drapers.

This, however, is an altogether inadequate term to apply in the present case, for, in addition to general drapery, the other departments have been added from time to time in order to meet what might for the sake of distinction be called the extraordinary requirements of customers, and also for their special convenience. The knowledge and experience which must necessarily be brought into play if all these departments are to be carried on successfully, must be of a very superior character, and one who possesses this knowledge and experience is in every sense of the word a thorough man of business. Eminently so is this the case with the proprietor of the house under notice, and we have no hesitation in saying that, combined with his knowledge of every little detail in connection with the business, his spirit of enterprise and indefatigable zeal and industry must result in a still further enhanced reputation and a wide expansion of trade. In connection with the selling departments an efficient staff of courteous and polite assistants are engaged. The whole control and management of affairs are in the capable hands of Mr. SCOTT, and every business transaction is conducted under his direct personal supervision. The trade extends over a wide district, throughout which Mr. SCOTT is respected and esteemed as much for his *bonhomie* and pleasant manner as in recognition of those superior business attributes which cannot but be admired.

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## UNKLES BROTHERS,

Flour Millers and Corn Merchants, Manor Mills, Bandon.

An especial interest attaches to the very old-established and eminently well-conducted Manor Flour Mills, Bandon, which for a period of fully thirty-five years have been in the family of the present proprietors.

The flour mills of Messrs. UNKLES BROTHERS are very extensive, rising to an elevation of six storeys and covering a very considerable area. The power used is partly supplied by steam and partly by water; a very powerful engine of sixty h.p. being employed to supply the motor force in the former case, while the stream turns a large water-wheel of thirty-five feet diameter and fifty h.p. In the Manor Mills the old burr millstones have been superseded by the newer and more effective roller system; the whole of the interior fittings and appointments, plant, machinery, and appliances having been brought to the highest degree of perfection. The firm's finest flour and baking flour are in extensive demand, while Messrs. UNKLES BROTHERS' bran and other offals are largely used in and around the district for cattle feeding, and for the same purpose the firm import large quantities, from England and Scotland. The staff of workers employed by the firm is necessarily very large, and these employes are supplemented by an efficient body of clerical assistants.

The firm grind both wheat and Indian corn, and, by the adoption of the roller process in their grinding operations, together with all the latest improvements incidental to that system, Messrs. UNKLES BROTHERS have been enabled to more than hold their own with British, American, and Continental competition; and their success should stand as an encouragement to other Irish flour millers to display a similar spirit of progress and enterprise, and accomplish thereby a similarly satisfactory result. The facilities now possessed by the firm for the effectual and expeditious conduct of both the industrial and commercial portions of the business engaged in are of the most complete character. The simple facts we have mentioned serve to indicate the continuously brisk and extensive character of the firm's important trade, and also to illustrate the facility with which the most extensive orders can be executed with both precision and despatch.

The proprietor possesses the advantage of long and thorough practical experience, and he invariably exercises that commendable spirit of sound judgment and well-directed energy and enterprise which have ever been prominent characteristics in his widespread commercial transactions.



**VICKERY'S HOTEL, Bantry.***Proprietor: MR. GEORGE VICKERY.*

VISITORS to the lovely district of which Bantry forms the centre can find no better accommodation in the South of Ireland than that which obtains at that well-known establishment, VICKERY'S HOTEL, which has for so many years past opened wide its hospitable doors to the tourist and the traveller from all parts of the world. The history of this popular house dates back to 1855, when it was first opened by the father of the present proprietor, Mr. George Vickery, who has, since the death of the founder in 1883, conducted the business with ever-increasing success. The Hotel premises are conveniently situated within one minute's walk of Bantry Bay, and close to the railway station, the building forming a handsome three-storied block, of which the new wing was added a few years ago to provide accommodation for the large increase of season visitors and tourists. The establishment is designed throughout on modern principles, the general arrangements and style of furnishing being of a very superior order, the apartments including spacious coffee, dining, and public drawing-room; large smoke-room; and fine commercial room for the exclusive use of commercial gentlemen. The bedrooms (twenty-five in number) are airy and comfortably-furnished apartments. Special attention is directed to the most scrupulous cleanliness, and visitors may indulge in the luxury of hot and cold, plunge, and spray baths, which have been fitted at considerable

cost with all the newest improvements. The cooking and attendance are all that the most fastidious guest could desire, and the wine cellars of the establishment contain the choicest wines and spirits of the finest brands and of acknowledged excellence. In connection with the hotel is the largest posting establishment in the South of Ireland, all the public cars, coaches, and brakes running to Glengariff, en route for the famous Lakes of Killarney, being horsed by Mr. Vickery, requiring a stud of from seventy-five to one hundred horses. For these, stabling accommodation for twenty-five is provided at Bantry, and there are additional stables at Glengariff, Kenmare, and Killarney, where the horses are changed. Mr. Vickery also provides at the shortest notice cars and carriages with steady and reliable drivers for visitors desirous of exploring the objects of interest in the district, and an omnibus from the Hotel, bearing the name "VICKERY'S HOTEL" in large letters, attends the arrival of all trains. An efficient staff of well-trained servants is employed to wait upon the requirements of visitors to the Hotel, the whole arrangements of the management being capably conducted under the careful supervision of the genial proprietor, whose attentive consideration for the comfort of his guests has secured for him a wide measure of personal popularity and esteem from all who have at any time made "VICKERY'S" their headquarters while visiting the district.

**WILLIAM WARNER, Butter Merchant, Bantry.**

AMONGST the leading products of the South of Ireland the butter-making industry has long been justly considered of the utmost importance in its relation to the prosperity of the country, and has of late years assumed proportions of magnitude which could hardly have been anticipated in the face of the keen foreign competition existing in the market. The leading house engaged in this trade in the district is that of Mr. WILLIAM WARNER, Bantry, which supplies the subject of this brief review. The business was established about twelve years ago by the above-named gentleman, who has by his vigorous enterprise greatly extended the operations of the undertaking to its present successful proportions. The premises occupied by Mr. WARNER at Bantry comprise large works, covering a considerable area of ground, divided into the several departments for blending and preserving the butter for the market, and saw mills and joinery for making the boxes, firkins, &c., in which the butter is packed. The leading feature of the business is the reception of butter from the principal cow farmers in the district,

chiefly the produce from the cattle on the wild mountain sides surrounding the locality, which is noted for its finer and more delicate flavour than that produced from meadow-fed cows. The butter when received is subjected to the processes of blending, requiring considerable skill and judgment, and is then packed for the various markets to which it is consigned. The well-known brands of the house, "Warner's WW" and "W Selected Irish," are in sustained demand by the leading buyers, the great firm of Messrs. Lovell and Christmas, West Smithfield (London) and Manchester, advertising these brands in their list, and for which they are the sole agents. The business is of the most substantial character, requiring an efficient force of fifty *employés* and the assistance of machinery and appliances, driven by a Roby steam engine, in the various departments, the whole of which are under the joint management of Mr. WARNER and his partner, Mr. James Manders. In conclusion we may advise our readers that the telegraphic address of the proprietor is "Warner, Bantry." The firm turn out about 800 tons of butter during the year.

## THE RAILWAY &amp; COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Bantry.

D. D. CANTY, *Proprietor*.

THIS favourite resort for tourists in search of the picturesque beauties of this the loveliest district in the country is fortunate in the possession of one of the most comfortable houses of entertainment on the route in the RAILWAY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Bantry, which, under the direction of the genial proprietor, Mr. D. D. CANTY, well sustains the traditional reputation of the South-West for typical warmth of hospitality. The Hotel was originally established fifteen years ago, and passed into the possession of Mr. CANTY in 1887, since which date it has been greatly improved in its internal arrangements and fitted up in every department to promote the comfort of commercial gentlemen, tourists, families, etc., visiting the locality. The Hotel premises comprise large and handsome block of corner building, with public and private bars; commercial, billiard, and coffee rooms; private apartments; and fifteen airy and spacious bedrooms. The house is well furnished throughout in modern style and is fully provided with every convenience for securing the comfort of guests: the cooking

and attendance being much above the average of local hotels; and the wines, spirits, and malt liquors supplied, having been selected with excellent judgment, leave nothing to be desired. The tariff of charges will be found exceedingly moderate and reasonable, and the daily bill of fare varied and substantial. Attached to the Hotel are extensive livery stables, from which may be obtained well-appointed cars, carriages, and other vehicles at the shortest notice; steady and careful drivers being retained for this purpose, enabling visitors to reach the various points of interest in the district with safety and comfort. The Hotel omnibus attends the arrival and departure of all trains, and, by communicating by letter or telegram with the proprietor, special arrangements can be made for the reception of families and visitors. The Hotel is admirably conducted under the personal supervision of the proprietor, whose unremitting care and attendance to the comfort and convenience of his guests have gained for Mr. CANTY a wide measure of personal popularity with visitors and the general public in the district.





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THE "Virgin City" of Waterford, so long and intimately associated with the history of Ireland, is invested with an interest most seducing to the imagination. Its foundation takes us back to the middle of the second century of our era, though of its earliest aspect, life, manners, and importance it is now impossible to speak. Whatever the vicissitudes of the earlier centuries of its history may have been, its aspect was completely changed in the year 853 by the arrival of the Danes, who soon metamorphosed it into one of the most important strongholds in the South of Ireland, and laid the foundation of its modern importance as a trading port. From Sitric, the Danish monarch who first turned it into a stronghold, there is a break of over a century in the authentic history of the City; but under the year 893 the annals record the death of Patrick, son of Imar, King of Waterford; and during the period of the Danish domination of Ireland the kingly title enjoyed by the Danish Lords of Waterford appears again and again till we come to Reginald, who acceded to it in 1003 and built the tower called by his name—supposed to be the most ancient structure of the kind still standing in Ireland. The conversion of the Danes

of Waterford to Christianity occurred in 1096, and their first bishop, Malchus, a monk of the Benedictine order, promoted the erection of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, which remained a centre of religion and learning for some seven centuries. A rude change again took place in the condition of affairs by the arrival of the Normans, who, landing in small force near Waterford under Raymond Le Gros, routed the Danish forces of the City and those of their allies, the Princes of Decies and Idrone. The immediate arrival of Strongbow himself upon the scene, with 200 knights and 1,200 footmen, decided the fate of the fortress, which was taken by main force after a most heroic resistance. The story of the arrival of the traitor Dermot McMurrough, and the alliance formed with the invaders, and sealed by the nuptials of Strongbow and his daughter Eva, belong to Irish history, and need only be referred to here; and the fact noted, in addition, that Henry II. himself reached Waterford in 1172 with a fleet of no fewer than 240 vessels, and the long-drawn drama of the conquest of Ireland fairly began. Henceforth the Danish names so long associated with the history of the City fade away, and those of the



De Bohun's, De Lacy's, and Le Poer's stand prominent. For a time Waterford was the chief port of the Normans and the seat of government. Religious houses soon sprang up on all hands, but the slender control of the English suzerain over his bold barons, and their struggles among themselves, must have sadly marred the influence of the religious. Richard II. came to Waterford with a powerful army in 1394, and half a century later John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, was created Earl of Waterford, and acquired a grant of the City. During the progress of Lambert Simnel's

repulse from the walls in 1649. Here, too, on the day after the Battle of the Boyne, took ship for France the unheroic James II., and the long oppression of the Irish began, affecting the fortunes of the City not a little. Here we drop the thread of the City's history and turn to its present aspect.

Waterford, whose population is 29,181, stands on the southern bank of the River Suir near its junction with the common *embouchure* of the Barrow and the Nore, the estuary, known as Waterford Harbour, being one of the finest in the world. The



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#### REGINALD'S TOWER AND QUAY.

imposition, Waterford stood steady by the reigning sovereign, and when, shortly afterwards, Perkin Warbeck attempted to personate the murdered Duke of York, the loyalty of the citizens was rewarded by the concession of the motto, "*Urbs intacta manet Waterford.*" A large force under Warbeck and the Earl of Desmond besieged the City, but was ignominiously routed; the rays of Royal favour continuing to shine on it during the reign of Henry VIII., who granted a cap of liberty and a gilt sword as civic regalia. During the civil war of 1641, Waterford suffered heavily, but Cromwell himself was

City is well built, and presents all the aspects of an important trading centre, while being, as may readily be supposed from the brief *résumé* of its history we have given, one of the richest in archæological interest. The churches offer many excellent instances of striking architecture: Christ Church, built partly of the stones of the old Cathedral of Malchus, containing many venerable monuments. The Palace is gone, but portions of the Dominican Monastery, founded in 1226, still remain, as well as the *delicta* of the houses of the Knights of St. John at Kilbarry and Killure, and the entrance of the

Church of St. Thomas, whose erection is ascribed to Henry II. The educational facilities of the City have partaken of the general modern improvement, and stand at the highest level of efficiency, and the charitable and philanthropic institutions are admirably managed. The civic institutions of Waterford are more than equal to all the wants of the times, and are

old-time travellers who have left on record their impressions of the City, as it existed one, two, or three centuries ago, could hardly have anticipated the progress of a commerce that ramifies to the furthestmost ends of the British Isles. As a source of food supply in the department of pork, bacon, butter, eggs, and



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#### INTERIOR, CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

presided over by the Mayor, whose office is invested with unusual *prestige*. The hotel accommodation is ample.

Waterford has the advantage over some Irish towns in that it has a position of considerable importance in the commercial and industrial world. Those

provisions generally, Waterford holds pre-eminent rank; and, with the advance of every year, there is being built up and strengthened a prosperous community which occupies a very high and well-deserved position among the industrial centres of the country.

The City is naturally the home of a large and



enterprising body of tradesmen and shopkeepers. Every possible requirement of the resident is attended to in their establishments, some of which are of a very handsome and attractive character. "Shopping," indeed, can be made as agreeable and satisfactory in Waterford as in the Irish Metropolis. Supplies of every commodity are constantly arriving, and, whatever may be the need of the purchaser, it can be met by the

local tradesmen. In the following brief, yet, we hope, concise, reviews we proceed to bring into prominent notice those industrial concerns and business houses which are especially distinguished either by reason of their colossal trading operations, their old establishment, their honourable traditions, or their straightforward methods of conducting their several trading enterprises.



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PROTESTANT CATHEDRAL.

## ROBERTSON, LEDLIE, FERGUSON, &amp; COMPANY, LIMITED,

53 and 54, Quay, Waterford; and at Belfast and Cork.

THERE are few modern industries in which a greater progress has been noted in Ireland during the past few decades than in the general drapery trade, and by no more thoroughly representative house in the kingdom are the higher walks of the trade better exemplified than by the old-established house mentioned at the head of this brief industrial sketch. This highly influential concern was founded in or about the year 1844, and has in the intervening period between then and now developed into a magnificent enterprise, which, in its own particular departments of commercial activity,

etc.; also a large and interesting variety of cretonnes, reps, and furnishing drapery generally. The carpets and floor coverings constitute an attractive group containing all the newest designs in Brussels, tapestry, Kidderminster, Axminster, and Oriental carpets in great variety. On the same floor will be found the departments devoted to shawls and mantles, millinery and dress goods, costumes in the latest London and Paris designs, silks, satins, velvets and velveteens, laces, gloves, gents' woollens and tailorings, scarves, hosiery, boots and shoes (ladies', gents', and children's), ribbons, and all varieties of drapers' fancy goods.



is quite without parallel in the industrial system of Waterford and the South of Ireland generally.

The Company's Waterford premises are especially spacious, handsomely appointed, and structurally in every way well adapted to the requirements of the business. Entering the ground floor premises, we find an elegant saloon fitted up throughout with every facility and convenience conducive to the effective and attractive display of an immense stock of Messrs. ROBERTSON, LEDLIE, FERGUSON, & COMPANY'S well-known and highly reputed specialties. To the right hand of this spacious saloon we enter the haberdashery and trimming department, comprising the fancy haberdashery and leather goods, prints (including cotton dress fabrics), linings, muslin handkerchiefs, muslin curtains,

We have already referred to the fact that each department exemplifies some special feature of importance, and we shall proceed to demonstrate this by saying that in the boot and shoe department of Messrs. ROBERTSON, LEDLIE, FERGUSON, & COMPANY'S emporium we shall find the famous "Bective" and "Cinderella" boots, and "The Hardwear" boots for boys' and girls' school wear; while the hosiery department contains a complete exemplification of Dr. Jaeger's world-renowned sanitary appliances and clothing, so greatly in demand in all parts of the civilized world. The house supplies an admirable glove at 1/11, which we have never seen beaten at nearly twice the price; while in waterproof dress materials we find the "Impervanas" and other serges; in woollen serges for gents' suiting the leading



fabrics of Waterford manufacture and other notable Irish makes. Among other features is a notable array of prints, Richardson's dress foundations, millinery in the newest styles, household drapery (including table linen and napery generally, linen sheeting, pillow cases, bolsters and bolster cases, and calicoes in unsurpassed variety and quality), and a thousand and one items of interest which we cannot minutely specify here.

Ascending the fine staircase, we find distinct cutting and fitting rooms in connection with the tailoring and outfitting department; also elegantly appointed offices; forwarding and packing rooms; costume saloons; dress, millinery, and mantle workrooms; and wholesale haberdashery department. The furnishing showrooms also well merit a visit of inspection, for here will be found an assortment of bedsteads and bedding at extremely moderate prices. But it is superfluous to dilate upon the merits and excellencies of the goods offered at this establishment. The Company under notice maintain a reputation which is the outcome of nearly half a century's honourable trading, and in that reputation consists the most appropriate and the only necessary commendation of the goods they supply.

### JOHN GARVEY,

Wholesale Bottler and Mineral Water Manufacturer, Waterford.

THIS large and important business originated seven years ago under the auspices of Mr. JOHN GARVEY, the present proprietor, who also very successfully conducts a retail wine and spirit business in the immediate vicinity of his aerated water manufactory. The premises occupied in connection with the latter industry undoubtedly form one of the most commodious mineral water establishments to be met with in the South of Ireland. The office and general warehouse are appropriately appointed, and in the latter is displayed a full assortment of Mr. JOHN GARVEY's celebrated productions in aerated waters and other beverages. At the rear is situated the extensive factory with its splendid equipment of modern machinery and appliances, all manufactured by the celebrated firm of Dan Rylands, Limited, and all specially adapted to the requirements of the industry. The different departments occupy about an acre of ground, besides which Mr. GARVEY has another four acres of valuable land adjoining. The organisation of the establishment leaves nothing to be desired. The factory is a model one, the result of much care and of a large outlay of capital, and it reflects very high credit upon Mr. JOHN GARVEY's enterprise and knowledge of the trade. Beverages of the highest class only are manufactured here, and the various waters of the house have won golden opinions everywhere. They are prepared from the best materials, thoroughly well bottled, and maintained at the highest level of purity. The specialties include ginger beer, ginger ale, lemonade, champagne

The house gives employment to a staff of seventy hands, while equally extensive operations are carried on in the establishments at Belfast and Cork. One characteristic of this enterprising house is especially deserving of favourable comment, namely, the unremitting and zealous interest taken in the well-being and happiness of the large staff of employés, for whose convenience and recreation a well-stocked library has been supplied with literary productions by the leading authors. The residential accommodation, both for the ladies and gentlemen members of the staff, is perfect, and reflects extreme credit upon the management.

The business affairs of this great house are administered in a most energetic and judiciously enterprising spirit by the capable executive. The commercial connections of the concern are valuable and influential in all parts of the kingdom, and the vast and ever augmenting connection which the Company continuously enjoy speaks volumes for the magnificent spirit which has always regulated and governed the administrative departments, and for the esteem and confidence in which the house has ever been held by a widespread and influential *clientèle* both at home and abroad.

cider, and soda, potass, seltzer, and lithia waters; also hop ale, a new drink in the market, which ought to command a quick sale, being a good tonic and a refreshing beverage; and, in addition to the manufacture of these drinks, Mr. GARVEY carries on a very extensive trade as a bottler of Bass and Co.'s ales and Guinness's world-renowned Dublin stout, the latter being pasted with labels the design of which has been registered at Stationers' Hall, as shown below. Altogether, Mr. GARVEY has won his conspicuous success by introducing a class of non-intoxicating beverages which are equal to the very best, and vastly superior to the great majority of, aerated waters in the market at

the present day. In the delivery of the goods about a dozen horses and carts are employed, while a staff numbering some thirty men are called into requisition in order

**GUINNESS'S** REGISTERED **XX PORTER**

*John Garvey* GUARANTEED **WATERFORD.**

to adequately carry on the operative functions of the business. The whole concern is conducted with marked ability and exemplary energy by the principal in person, and while an exceedingly large trade is controlled, extending for many miles around the City of Waterford, there is an evident tendency to extend business operations throughout the South of Ireland, a development which the uniformly high-class character of the goods would amply justify. Mr. GARVEY draws his patronage largely through the medium of leading hotels, clubs, wine and spirit merchants, and family grocers; and this fact strongly emphasizes the splendid character and value of his productions.

## THE EXECUTOR OF J. J. RICHARDSON,

## Queen's Bacon Factory, Waterford.

WE designate at the head of this too brief business review a house of the very highest eminence in connection with that department of Irish industrial activity which concerns itself with the conversion of the *genus* pig into the somewhat daintier commercial factors—prime hams and bacon. This world-renowned house was founded more than half a century ago by Mr. Joseph Strangman Richardson, whose initial business enterprise was conducted in Mary Street, Waterford. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Richardson, realizing the immense development of his business, secured by purchase ten acres of land in Morgan Street, where he at once proceeded to erect what are now known as the Queen's Bacon Stores. The premises are unquestionably the finest in the trade, comprising as they do a huge assemblage of buildings situated on a lofty and overlooking height, where, prior to the advent of Mr. Richardson, had grown luxurious crops of cabbages. The works were completed on the 24th day of May, 1864, the Queen's birthday, a fact which suggested the admirable title by which the establishment has since continuously been known. On the death of Mr. Joseph Strangman Richardson, which occurred on the 3rd May, 1870, he was succeeded in the proprietorship by his brother, Mr. Jonathan Joseph Richardson, who successfully carried on the vast business up to the period of his demise in 1876, since which year the Queen's Bacon Stores have been conducted by his Executor. Space forbids our entering minutely into a detailed description either of the vast premises or the processes involved in the conversion of dead meat into hams and bacon; suffice it to say that throughout the vast establishment the equipment of plant, machinery, and appliances is fully abreast of the most modern ideas regarding bacon manufacture. We may remark that upwards of 150 men and women are constantly employed in the various departments of the factory, and so great are the facilities at command of the firm that the killing capacity is fully 3,500 animals per week, the actual weekly average for the past few years having reached the stupendous total of 2,000. The trade of Mr. J. J. Richardson's Executor is confined almost exclusively to the manufacture of singed Wiltshire cut bacon, which is subsequently shipped in the "green" state to the English markets—principally in London—where it is dried and smoked for the wholesale cheesemongers, who supply the grocers and trade generally. Richardson's brands of bacon and

lard are as well known in the British markets as any provision goods can possibly be, and the house holds a deservedly premier rank among the bacon manufactories of Waterford. The City of Waterford has always ranked in the foremost position in connection with the bacon-curing industry, a fact adscriptive, no doubt, to the unquestionably high quality of the hogs procurable in the district, connoisseurs estimating the flavour, quality, and excellence of the Waterford-bred animal above that of all competitors in the bacon-curing localities of Ireland. As a protective measure against fraud upon that section of the public who, in choosing bacon, will have none other than Richardson's manufacture, and as a check upon unscrupulous tradesmen throughout the empire

who, not daring to deny customers, would palm off inferior goods as proceeding from the Queen's Bacon Stores, every side of bacon before quitting the factory is plainly branded "RICHARDSON, WATERFORD;" and those buyers who have a preference for this firm's reliable produce will do well to ascertain the presence of the familiar brand before purchasing.

Returning to the subject of the Queen's Bacon Factory, we may say that the carcasses here are cooled by cold dry air machines upon the Lightfoot principle of the compression and re-expansion of air. The energy in the compressed air is utilized in the performance of valuable work, as, for instance, in assisting the powerful steam engines to compress the air in the compression cylinders. The air leaving the expander passes on through suitable ducts to the chambers in which the carcasses are placed to be cooled. To secure an effective service of illumination, there is a magnificently perfect installation of the electric light throughout the establishment. A Crompton 6-unit Dynamo is employed, the motor force being supplied by a horizontal engine of 18 h.p., which also serves to drive a portion of the machinery used in the manufacture of lard. In concluding this review we cheerfully acknowledge the extreme courtesy received on the occasion of our visit to this great bacon emporium, and our impression, formed after careful comparison of facts, is, that, in connection with the supply of really high-class bacon, the products emanating from the Queen's Bacon Stores will hold their own in respect of general excellence not merely with the bacon of the South of Ireland, but also with the finest brands of the British Empire.





J. J. O'SULLIVAN, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Medical Hall, 4, The Mall, Waterford.

AN important and indispensable auxiliary to the practice of the art of medicine is represented by Mr. J. J. O'SULLIVAN, the well-known Pharmaceutical Chemist and Certified Dispenser of the Apothecaries' Hall, Ireland, whose fine establishment in The Mall, Waterford, we have pleasure in introducing to the notice of our readers. The business is of very old standing, and was acquired about six years ago by Mr. O'SULLIVAN, who, at that time, was engaged with the eminent firm of Messrs. Hamilton, Long, and Co., Dublin; the premises in The Mall having been previously occupied by several professional gentlemen. The Medical Hall is centrally situated, and possesses every convenience for a high-class business of this character; the appointments throughout in old dark Spanish mahogany giving the interior a very effective appearance, and when lit up by the electric light, which supplies the illuminating power, the establishment forms a very attractive feature of this leading thoroughfare. The stock held by the proprietor includes a varied assortment of drugs and chemicals of the purest quality; toilet, nursery, and sick room requisites; perfumery; and every description of medical and surgical appliances, patent and proprietary medicines, etc. Amongst the latter must be included the following specialities prepared by Mr. O'SULLIVAN. "Dolorfuge," an instantaneous cure for toothache and neuralgia, a well-tried and really successful specific for these most painful of maladies; O'SULLIVAN'S "Quinine Tooth Powder," which beautifies the teeth, strengthens the gums, and imparts to the breath a delicious fra-

grance; and "Capauno," the only positive cure for dandriff, and a very refreshing and agreeable hair wash. "Hypomorine," a peptonised solution of Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites and a most nutritious preparation, is very pleasant to taste and is borne by the most delicate stomachs. In wasting disease it is found superior to anything else and is now largely prescribed by the profession.

Special attention is devoted by Mr. O'SULLIVAN to the dispensing of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes, etc., which are prepared with scrupulous care from the purest ingredients, recent improvements in the compounding department affording additional facilities for the quick and efficient discharge of these important duties, and ensuring the absolute accuracy of all medicines, etc., supplied from the establishment. A widespread and very influential *clientèle* has been secured by this gentleman which embraces the leading medical practitioners in Waterford and its suburbs and the principal county families in the district. Mr. O'SULLIVAN has branch establishments at Main Street, Tramore, and at Ennis, Co. Clare; the latter being under the supervision of Mr. M. O'Sullivan, who was for some years with Messrs. Hamilton and Long, Dublin, and, subsequently, with Messrs. Harrington and Son, Cork. The whole arrangements of the business are entirely conducted under the personal direction of the principal with great energy and enterprise, fully meriting the conspicuous success attained by this ably-managed undertaking.

### JOHN EGAN & SONS,

Wholesale Whisky Merchants and Tea and Wine Importers, Waterford.

A LEADING house in the whisky, wine, and tea trade of Waterford is that of Messrs. JOHN EGAN AND SONS, which was founded in the year 1854, and which, since the death of Mr. John Egan, which occurred in 1888, has been capably conducted by Messrs. William P. and Edward Egan, sons of the founder. The premises occupied comprise a very spacious double-fronted shop, most centrally situated in the City. The fittings and appointments throughout the establishment are of the most appropriate character, and every facility is afforded for the effective and economical working of the business in its several departments. The trade has been steadily progressive, and the firm has acquired a reputation for the excellent quality of its wines and spirits second to no other house in the county. Messrs. JOHN EGAN AND SONS hold a very large and comprehensive stock of whiskies, wines, and teas, the wine list including some very choice vintages of very rare value, a large proportion of which has been imported by the firm direct from the primary source of supply. The brandy, whisky, rum, gin, and liqueurs from the leading Scotch, English, Irish, and Continental distilleries are of unsurpassed excellence, while the teas include the choicest blends of China, India, and Ceylon. The firm's extensive cellarage accommodation enables them

to lay down very large stocks of wine and spirits, which are consequently always thoroughly matured and sent out in splendid condition. Whiskies from all the principal Irish distilleries, and also from the Scotch houses, are very largely dealt in, and form a special feature with this firm, and this branch of trade is daily increasing.

The trade extends over a very wide area of the province, and large quantities of whisky are shipped by the firm to patrons in England. These extensive business relations are well founded upon the eminent reputation so long enjoyed and the thorough confidence established by the well-known quality and character of all the liquors supplied. An efficient staff is regularly employed, and the business in every department receives the direct personal attention of the proprietors, and is conducted throughout with the same conspicuous energy and enterprise that characterised the administration of their father, and which have so materially contributed to the building up and widening of the splendid connective advantages the house most assuredly enjoys. We need hardly add that the gentlemen in question occupy prominent positions in mercantile circles, both being well known and highly respected in Waterford and throughout the South of Ireland.

**POPE BROTHERS, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Stores, Waterford.**

So far back as the year 1772 the great-grandfather of the present proprietor of the business carried on as POPE BROTHERS laid its foundation on an extensive scale. From the founder it passed to his descendants, now represented by Mr. William Pope. The firm's premises are very substantially built, and comprise an entire block, in which both the wholesale and retail departments are located. The ground floor is mainly devoted to the latter, and is suitably fitted up, and above are the offices and very extensive stores. The bonded stores are in Coffee House Lane. Mr. Pope is a very large buyer of the best Irish whiskies, and does

a trade of large volume both at home and abroad. The firm is well connected in Dublin and throughout Ireland, and exports extensively to England, America, Australia, and New Zealand. The retail and family order trade is no less flourishing locally. Mr. Pope personally attends to the general direction of both departments of the enterprise, and has been very successful in maintaining, and even enhancing, the old-established importance and reputation of the firm. Waterford houses in the "trade" have a deservedly high reputation, but none have won a better name or more honourable position than this historic and flourishing firm.

**EDWARD COURTENAY & SONS, Butter Merchants and Exporters, Waterford.**

THE business of this widely known and highly reputed firm dates from the year 1765, and has always been carried on by members of the Courtenay family. During the early portion of the firm's history, however, bacon was the article dealt with, which was given up after some time in favour of the present commodity.

The premises comprise a fine suite of offices and extensive stores and sheds, and offer the largest facilities for the prompt transaction of the business, which is the largest of the kind in the City. The best markets of the South of Ireland provide the needful supply of butter, and the firm's buyers cover the whole ground. Owing to the improved dairying now used in Ireland,

which is by far the best in the United Kingdom, Irish butter has regained its hold upon the Irish and British markets, and is, indeed, a superior article. This firm deals only in the best qualities. The trade lies with both English and Dublin houses, the export being of the largest dimensions.

The present owner of this old and prosperous enterprise is Mr. James H. Courtenay, who, before his accession to the full proprietorship, had managed the business for more than twenty years. He is as favourably known in trade as in private circles, and sustains well the credit of an honoured name in the commercial annals of Waterford.

**J. P. GRAVES & CO., Waterpark Timber Yard, Waterford; and GRAVES'****PATENT ROOFING CO., New Ross.**

AN indication of the energy and enterprise of the leaders of commercial progress in the South of Ireland is afforded by the important undertaking conducted by Messrs. J. P. GRAVES AND Co., proprietors of the Waterpark timber yard, Waterford, which we have pleasure in introducing to the attention of our readers in this briefly-descriptive sketch. The history of this firm dates back to the foundation of the business eighty years ago by Mr. William Graves at New Ross, where it is still continued under the style of Messrs. William Graves and Son, the present representative there being Mr. Elly Graves. In 1851, owing to the improved railway and transport facilities offered by Waterford, the headquarters of the business were transferred to this City, the premises acquired by the firm being conveniently situated on the banks of the river within easy distance of the shipping

and other means of communication by land and water. At the death of the founder, Mr. William Graves, about twenty years ago, the control of the business reverted to his two sons, of whom the sole survivor, Mr. J. P. Graves, is now at the head of the firm. The extensive timber yards, which cover a total area of about four acres in extent, are heavily stocked with large quantities of every description of foreign timber in logs, deals, flooring-boards, etc.; tiles, bricks, slates, stone, cement, and general building materials. In addition, Messrs. GRAVES have very extensive steam saw mills in Waterford, and large and important works at New Ross, which are more particularly referred to later on (see GRAVES' PATENT ROOFING Co.), the firm employing in the aggregate a numerous staff of hands in the various departments of the business.



**R. FENNESSY & SON, Nurserymen and Seed Merchants, Waterford.**

PROBABLY the oldest established, and certainly one of the most important, firms of nurserymen, seed merchants, and florists in Ireland is that of Messrs. R. FENNESSY AND SON, of Waterford and Kilkenny. The business in question was founded in the year 1712 by the great-grandfather of the gentleman who now so ably presides over the destinies of the concern; and from father to son, in a natural order of succession, the business has descended to its present proprietor. The premises occupied as warehouse and stores in Waterford comprise a large shop situate in a prominent corner position, the interior of which is admirably appointed and stocked to repletion with a very extensive and complete assortment of garden, flower, and agricultural seeds; all kinds of agricultural and gardening machinery, tools, and implements; and flowers, shrubs, plants in season, and other interesting products of the nurseryman's trade. Messrs. R. FENNESSY AND SON are noted for a large number of specialties, which they have very successfully developed in various forms; and by the most careful and conscientious efforts, backed by sound practical skill and knowledge, the house has for more than a century and a half maintained a distinguished reputation for the genuine quality, freshness, and reliability of the seeds procured. Thus confidence has been won and retained throughout the circle of a valuable and widespread connection, and an immense trade is controlled in all parts of Ireland as well as in

many important districts of the sister-kingdom. Indeed we believe the business is quite one of the largest in the South of Ireland, and it is certainly one of the best-developed in all departments that has come under our notice. The firm's principal nurseries are situated in a charming locality about a mile out of Waterford. They cover no fewer than fifty acres, and are in a high state of cultivation, yielding a large and superior product in all classes of plants, shrubs, trees, bulbs, etc.

At Kilkenny the firm have also an extensive and well-cultivated nursery, under the capable supervision of the principal's brother. As landscape gardeners Messrs. R. FENNESSY AND SON have acquired an eminent reputation, and in this interesting art they execute a very high class of work, achieving surprising results in the beautifying and improving of grounds and gardens. The house possesses every facility for carrying on this department with the utmost success. Many of Messrs. R. FENNESSY AND SON's specialties in garden seeds have a recognised place in the popular favour and demand, and have been not only most favourably reviewed by local and gardening journals but have made their mark at important horticultural shows, where there is no lack of the keenest competition in such matters. Altogether this is a sound and thoroughly representative concern; of the first class both in reputation and connection; and its affairs are being most carefully and competently administered by its present experienced proprietor.

**J. MOIR, Engineer, Millwright, Iron and Brass Founder, and General Smith,**

**Park Foundry, Bolton Street, Waterford.**

SEVERAL of the more important branches of mechanical industry are represented in Waterford by Mr. JAMES MOIR, of the Park Foundry, Bolton Street, which presents many features of interest to the visitor. The business was established by Mr. JAMES MOIR about nine years ago, this gentleman being now assisted by his son in the duties of the management, and has, by the well-directed energy displayed in its conduct, been constantly extended and developed. The premises comprising the Park Foundry are of extensive proportions, covering upwards of an acre in extent, on which are erected the necessary buildings for the operations of the various departments. These include engineering shop, fitted with improved plant and appliances for the processes of the trade; iron and brass foundry; millwrights' shop; steam engine and boiler sheds, etc., etc. The work undertaken by the firm includes every branch of light and heavy engineering, millwrighting, iron and brass founding, and general smith's work. A leading feature of the operations of the works is the

execution of orders for heavy castings for the principal railway companies in the district, amongst which may be specified the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, Tramore Railway Company, Dungarvon Railway Company, the Waterford Steamship Company, and the contracts for the Harbour Board. In addition Mr. MOIR has also a large trade in the manufacture and repair of every description of agricultural implements and appliances, orders for work of this character receiving his promptest attention. The services of a numerous staff of skilled hands are employed in the several departments under the personal supervision of the principal, whose extended experience in each branch of the trade ensures the highest efficiency in the execution of all orders entrusted to him for completion.

A portion of the premises is now occupied by the Laing, Wharton, and Down Construction Syndicate, Limited, Electrical Engineers, which has recently completed the contract for lighting the whole of the streets in Waterford by electricity in the "Thomson-Houston" system.

THE ADELPHI HOTEL, Waterford. MR. DAVID KEOGH, *Proprietor*.

THIS well-known and most favourably-situated Hotel was founded about the middle of the present century, and for 16 years was conducted by Mr. John Power, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1871. The ADELPHI, Waterford, ranks as one of the most desirably located hostelries in the South of Ireland. It commands a full view of the River Suir, the unrivalled Quay of Waterford, and all the most picturesque scenery in the vicinity of the City. The Hotel bears the highest reputation for the excellence of its management and the pains taken to enhance the comfort and pleasure of its many influential patrons, and amongst others, in glancing over the visitors' book, we notice the names of Prince George of Wales, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Viscount Wolsley and the Hon. Frances Wolsley, Lord and Lady Carew, Lord Grey de Ruthyn, Lord E. H. Cecil, the Dowager Lady Keane, Hon. Gilbert Rawden Hastings, A. Loftus Cliff, Esq., G. L. Hotford, Esq., Chas. P. W. Kindersley, Esq., Mrs. and Miss Lethbridge, &c., &c., which speak volumes for this comfortable Hotel. The building is large, and internally appointed in a most elabo-

rate style. The dining, sitting, coffee, smoking, billiard, and bedrooms are admirably arranged and furnished in an elegant style, nothing being omitted calculated to increase the comfort and convenience of patrons, and in every department the most perfect order and organisation prevail. The ADELPHI HOTEL has long been noted for its excellent *cuisine*, the kitchen being under able and skilful management; and it must be mentioned that the attendants are thoroughly versed in their several duties, and wait upon guests with unusual politeness, attentiveness, and alacrity. There are commodious stock rooms and every convenience for commercial men, by whom the Hotel is largely patronised. An omnibus awaits the arrival of each train and steamer, and conveys guests thereto on the occasion of their departure. The able catering and successful management of this splendid establishment is due to the enterprise of Mr. David Keogh, the able proprietor, a gentleman who spares no pains or expense in meeting the demands of his large and influential connection, and who maintains in unrivalled style the reputation of the ADELPHI HOTEL for solid home comforts, coupled with the most reasonable charges.

THOMAS WIDGER, Dealer in Horses, Waterford.

THE name of WIDGER has long been "familiar as a household word" in "horsey" and horse-buying circles. The business was founded some thirty years ago by Mr. THOMAS WIDGER, who has retired from it for some time in favour of his five sons, all of whom are now actively engaged in its management. The premises are most complete, and cover about an acre and a half of ground. The buildings include stables, loose boxes, carriage houses, harness rooms, etc.; a large covered paddock for showing horses to intending buyers; offices, etc.; and have ample accommodation in every way, and maintained in the finest order for conducting a large business of this description. The Messrs. Widger execute heavy commissions for the English, Dutch, and Italian Governments and for the nobility and gentry of the United Kingdom, and are large dealers on their own account in various classes of horses, which include hunters, race horses, troopers, carriage horses, hacks, etc., of which upwards of 2,000 pass annually through their hands.

The partners have five farms in the vicinity of about seven hundred acres in all, keep half a dozen highly-bred sires, and from three to four hundred horses. The scene in their yard is frequently a lively one when patrons meet to inspect their stock; and there is usually sufficient attraction in the way of horseflesh to draw racing, hunting, and army gentlemen thither. The partners are enthusiastic in all horsey matters, have had several successful racehorses, Mr. Thomas Widger, Jun., having reached 4th place in three Grand Nationals;

Mr. Joseph Widger being successful in 1891 with "Libble Drake" at Kempton Park, a few days after at Sandown, and again at Gatwick. This horse is the property of Mr. Richard Widger. "Sarsfield," winner of the Irish International Steeplechase at Leopardstown this year, is the property of Mr. John Widger. Mr. Michael Widger has also made a name as a steeplechase rider; but the most interesting member of this family is "Jack," son of Mr. John Widger, born in the summer of 1884, and who is well known throughout the kingdom as "Jack." At five years of age this little wonder rode in a drag hunt, over  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of natural country, without a single mishap; and in 1891, at the Dublin Horse Show, took first prize on three consecutive days against a heavy field of competitors. Again "Jack" was to the fore in a match at Clonmel, which he won easily, after clearing in grand style a stone fence five feet six inches in height, a task which would cause some uneasiness in the minds of some of our most noted cross-country riders, and no doubt there is a great future before this young jockey, who has the advantage of a thorough training at the hands of his father and uncles. "Jack" is a great favourite with his grandfather (the original founder), who devotes most of his well-earned leisure to his farm, where he maintains a fine herd of cattle and a superb flock of sheep. Like him his sons are "to the manner born," and, as judges, stand second to none. All are as popular as they are widely known in the circles with which their avocation brings them into contact.



**BASSETT & MEREDITH** (Successors to John Wilson),  
Wine Importers and Merchants, Waterford Wine Stores, 128, Quay, Waterford.

ALMOST a century has elapsed since the foundation of this large and high-class business by the Wilson family, in whose hands it remained down to a couple of years ago, when the present firm succeeded. Both the present principals have been connected with the older firm for nearly thirty years. In assuming their new position it will be seen, therefore, they have had the advantage of the amplest experience. The firm's offices and stores are very suitable for the business, and occupy an advantageous position. Wines are the great speciality, though, of course, whiskies and brandies, liqueurs and mineral waters, are well represented. The ports, sherries, clarets, burgundies, madeiras, etc., are imported in the wood and bottled

by the firm, the variety of vintages and districts represented being great enough to offer something excellent to every *connoisseur*. 'Champagnes, too, bearing favourite names are in full force, while some choice old brandy and whiskey may still be had. Indeed, it is only in houses such as this, whose history covers an age, that one can expect to find anything very rare, and such hoards are becoming "small by degrees and beautifully less." The connection is wholesale and family, and extends over the three kingdoms. To the rear of the firm's premises are the ruins of a Franciscan convent of the eleventh century, afterwards a Huguenot church. Part of this building is now utilised by the firm for cellars, and points a moral in respect of the *mutatio rerum* to which time ministers.

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**BENJAMIN GRAHAM**, Foundry and Iron Works, The Quay, Waterford.

AN important branch of productive industry is represented in Waterford by the old-established undertaking which has for upwards of a century past been conducted in the style of BENJAMIN GRAHAM, ironfounder, etc., and which has during that extended period remained in the possession of descendants of the family of the original founder, an example of commercial longevity almost, we believe, without a parallel in the historical records of this district. The business was commenced previous to 1788 by Mr. BENJAMIN GRAHAM, who was succeeded by his son bearing the same name, who was subsequently followed by his two sons, Messrs. Benjamin and Francis Graham, making the third generation of the family who have controlled the concern. The premises occupied by the firm are situated on the Quay, next door to the Clyde Shipping Office and the Post Office, and comprise large works and foundry, covering

about an acre of ground, on which are erected the necessary buildings for carrying out the operations of the business. The various departments include general millwrights' work, heavy castings for mills, ships' fittings, railways, agricultural requisites, boiler making, engineering and brass work, harrows, iron gates, and every description of forgings and foundry work. A special feature of the firm's trade is the construction of immense water tanks, in which they have been successful in obtaining important contracts for various public bodies and railways in the country. About forty hands are employed in the working departments, under the personal supervision of the principals, both of whom are thoroughly practical and experienced in every branch of the trade, ensuring, in all work undertaken by the firm, the highest efficiency and reliability in the execution of orders of any magnitude entrusted to them for completion.

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**JOHNSON'S** Veterinary and Coachbuilding Establishment, John Street, Waterford.

W. J. JOHNSON, M.R.C.V.S.L.—*Veterinary Surgeon*. M. J. JOHNSON—*Coach Builder, etc., etc.*

THE coachbuilding department of the business carried on by Mr. M. J. JOHNSON was founded over half a century ago by his father, Mr. J. JOHNSON, to whom he succeeded some three years back. The premises consist of a number of workshops, an extensive shoeing forge, large yard, coach-houses, stables, etc., and possess every requisite for carrying on the building of all kinds of vehicles. There are the usual bodymaking, smiths', wheelwright, painting, and fitting shops, where about two dozen men are employed in the several operations. All descriptions of vehicles—buses, coaches, cabs, cars, vans, farm carts, etc.—are built. We noticed several light,

but strongly built, carriages about the premises, but one in particular struck us as the most comfortably constructed vehicle we have ever seen. This is built on something of the "C" spring description formerly used for travelling, etc., but Mr. JOHNSON has improved considerably in the one we mention. The reputation of the establishment for sound and well-designed work being solidly founded on its past achievements, the best selected and seasoned timber only is employed, and the steel and iron work is of fine quality and finish. Mr. JOHNSON commands a large practice as a veterinary surgeon, and enjoys a wide popularity in business, professional, and private circles in this prosperous and historic City.

**JAMES MOSLEY & SONS, Watchmakers, Jewellers, Silversmiths, and Electroplaters,  
97 and 98, Quay; and Exchange Street, Waterford.**

This thriving centre of commercial activity in the South of Ireland possesses no more attractive establishments than that conducted by Messrs. JAMES MOSLEY AND SONS, the well-known Watchmakers, Jewellers, and Silversmiths, 97 and 98, Quay, and Exchange Street, whose extended connection with the trade of the City amply justifies the prominence assigned to them in this work. The history of the house dates back to 1832, when it was founded by the grandfather of the present proprietor. The establishment is centrally situated on the Quay facing the river, and forms a noted feature of the attractions of this fine thoroughfare. The premises comprise two handsome and commodious shops, effectively decorated in black and gold, and appointed throughout in *recherché* style with elegant ebonized show cases and other fittings, designed to exhibit to the utmost advantage the magnificent stock of high-class goods submitted for inspection. The window frontage is exceptionally attractive, and displays in great profusion a choice assortment of high-class drawing-room clocks, gold and gem jewellery, diamond ornaments, watches, silver and electroplated goods for presentation, etc., of which special mention must be made of a fine service of plate, on view at the date of our visit, intended for presentation to a local minister, and gifts of a similar character for another gentleman in the district, the whole forming a display in no sense inferior to that of the leading West End establishments of the Metropolis itself. Special mention



must be made of the magnificent display of diamond jewellery and ornaments, Messrs. MOSLEY purchasing entirely on cash terms, being enabled to offer exceptional advantages to buyers of these coveted and much-prized gems. Spacious workrooms in the rear are devoted to the operative departments of the business, an important feature of which is the total exclusion of apprentice labour in the establishment, none but experienced and practical workmen being employed, in order to ensure that the valuable watches and clocks entrusted to the

firm for repairs, etc., shall not be placed in the hands of incompetent youths for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of their art. In this respect we believe this house to be an exception to any other establishment in the kingdom. Additional workshops have recently been provided by Messrs. MOSLEY, and fully equipped with the newest and most improved plant for gilding and electroplating; the shafting, dynamos, and other machinery deriving

motive power from a powerful Crossley's gas engine, the whole of the arrangements being the most complete of any provincial establishment in Ireland. The firm is also extensively engaged in the manufacture to order of plate for presentation, etc., a staff of experienced workmen being retained on the premises for this branch of the business. The establishment is lighted by electricity throughout, which is generated by the firm's own engine, and will at all times be found well worthy of the attention of visitors to the City.

**W. J. SMITH & CO.,**

**Confectioners, Bakers, and Restaurateurs, George Street, Waterford.**

It is pleasing to find, after reviewing the many trades of Waterford in which the industrial population is employed, an establishment devoted mainly to the production of delicacies which give delight almost to everybody in a greater or lesser degree. The manufacture of confectionery is an industry which appears full of interest, and in the town of Waterford there are comparatively few really good establishments in this line

able to satisfy the wants of the people. Pre-eminent among the confectionery manufacturers is the firm of Messrs. W. J. SMITH AND COMPANY which, ten years ago, took over the very old-established business of Messrs. Kiely and Sons, who now carry on the business of brewers in the vicinity. The connection maintained is highly respectable and influential, Messrs. W. J. SMITH AND COMPANY numbering amongst their numerous



patrons the very best members of Society in the county, and, indeed, in the whole of the province. The premises occupied in the manufacture and subsequent vending of the many articles in daily demand are most extensive in construction and convenient in arrangement. The most approved appliances for the perfection of so delicate a trade have been introduced, and everything in the establishment is arranged with perfect order. Cleanliness prevails throughout every department, and, in short, whatsoever could conduce to the successful carrying on of a large trade has been provided regardless of expense. A very large business is, undoubtedly, being conducted, and the evident success of the firm is entirely due to the very able and energetic way in which Messrs. W. J. SMITH AND CO. transact their affairs. In Mr. Joseph Brunicardi the firm possesses a practical manager of exceptional ability, while the operative departments are in every case entrusted to specialists of recognised skill and capacity. The basis on which the firm's large trade is built is most trustworthy in every particular. Honourable and just in their dealings with their numerous patrons, Messrs. SMITH AND COMPANY have gained the trust and confidence of

all with whom they hold business transactions. The firm is constantly in close communication with all the leading sources of supply, and is prepared to execute all orders on the shortest notice. The business is most comprehensive in every detail, and comprises the daily preparation of luncheons, dinners, teas, etc., for the effective serving of which greatly elaborated conveniences will shortly be established in an elegant saloon on the first floor; also the firm carries on the manufacture of general pastry, including tarts, buns and cakes of all kinds, including the choicest varieties of wedding, birthday, and christening cakes. A large and influential connection has also been maintained which specially appreciates Messrs. W. J. SMITH AND CO.'s gracefully prepared confections suitable to the Christmas and Eastertide seasons. It is not necessary to dwell longer on the importance of this well-known firm, which, as we have already indicated, enjoys a most distinguished and eminently influential patronage. It will suffice to note that in their extensive Bakery Messrs. SMITH & CO. have introduced the most improved machinery for turning out the finest fancy and household bread, which, with their patent ovens, ensures perfect cleanliness in every process of manufacture.

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**JOHN KIRWAN, General Grocer, &c., 124, Quay, Waterford.**

As a General Grocery, Provision, and Italian Warehouse, and noted for special blends of tea unsurpassed in Waterford, this establishment has done good service for a large portion of the inhabitants, and well deserves the remarkable success which has ever attended it. Founded over twenty years ago by Mr. Moore, at 118, Quay, the business was not acquired by Mr. KIRWAN, the present proprietor, until 1881; and, owing to the increasing business, it was necessary to remove to larger premises in 1890, and has been carried on there ever since. Successful as the house had been, however, previous to that date, the energetic management of Mr. JOHN KIRWAN, together with his enterprise and zeal, rapidly resulted in an increase of trade far exceeding all expectations. The business premises, situate at 124, Quay, are admirably suited to the business, being well and conveniently appointed throughout in order to meet the requirements of a brisk first-class trade. The shop has an extra large plate window neatly and tastefully dressed at all times, and containing a really choice assortment of the goods for which the establishment is noted. The interior forms a large and commodious shop having a very substantial counter running the full length, the walls being well fitted with shelves for storing articles most generally in request. To the rear a neat and compact office is situate, behind which extend the stores and warehouses necessary for the accommodation of the full and complete stock which Mr. JOHN KIRWAN invariably holds. The business is conducted under the direct personal superintendence of the

proprietor, whose quiet, unassuming manner and general courtesy is one of the many pleasing features in connection with the house. The stock includes groceries and provisions of every description, dried and green fruits, tinned goods of all kinds, all the numerous articles comprised under the title of Italian warehouse goods (in addition to dried fish), and a complete assortment of all the best makes of biscuits and cakes. Tea has always been a speciality of the house, and a very high reputation has been achieved in this direction, "KIRWAN'S Special Blends" being largely in demand throughout Waterford and a wide area of the surrounding district; and, as regards flavour, strength, and price, comparing well with those of any other establishment in the vicinity. The reputation of Mr. JOHN KIRWAN'S business is founded on the supply of best quality goods, and, when we say that every article emanating from the establishment is of the highest class, we are only stating a truth which has been known for a number of years by the large circle of patrons. A very extensive trade is done locally and throughout the county, and, developing so well in one direction especially, offered sufficient reason for the opening of a branch shop at 3, Queen Street, Tramore, a favourite watering-place in summer, and situate about six miles from the beautiful, old-fashioned Lue. The venture has proved a success in every way, and we congratulate Mr. KIRWAN on the possession of two businesses, one old and one newly established, but both of them in a high state of prosperity, and affording exceptional promise of an increased trade in the future.

**R. MORRISSY, Undertaker and Carriage Hirer,  
35, Beresford Street, Waterford.**

It has often been pointed out as an unique feature in and characteristic of the Irish people that they are especially solicitous about the decent and honoured performance of all rites and ceremonial pertaining to the dead. Even the poorest Irishman realizes a duty here, and few avoid the responsibility. The consequence of all this is that the funeral undertaking business is rendered one of great national importance, and in various parts of the kingdom will be found firms of unquestionably high standing whose energies are exclusively devoted to this department of business enterprise. A thoroughly representative house engaged in the undertaking trade of Waterford is that of Mr. R. MORRISSY, of 35, Beresford Street, whose business was established some fifteen years ago. By very carefully studying the smallest requirements of his patrons Mr. MORRISSY has succeeded in building up a most valuable, widespread, and influential connection. Every requirement in connection with the last kindly offices on behalf of the dead

are performed under the personal supervision of Mr. MORRISSY, who may be at all times relied upon to minutely tend every detail with the most considerate regard for the feelings of bereaved relatives and friends. As hearse, mourning coach, and carriage proprietor, Mr. MORRISSY takes pre-eminent rank in the district, he being in a position to supply an almost unlimited number of conveyances at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. In addition to funeral requisites being supplied, Mr. MORRISSY also caters for the conveyance of wedding parties and pic-nics, he having a selection of covered carriages, waggonettes, and smaller open vehicles suited to every requirement. The honourable method by which all Mr. R. MORRISSY's commissions are entered upon and eventually carried out are so universally recognized throughout County Waterford that we gladly enumerate his establishment among those representative industrial institutions which specially merit favourable notice in a review of Waterford's leading mercantile houses.

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**H. DOWNES & CO., Wine and Spirit Merchants,  
Thomas Street, Waterford.**

IN our extended survey of the commercial world of Waterford, the leading firm in the wine and spirit trade, Messrs. H. DOWNES AND Co., calls for special mention. Founded by Mr. H. Downes almost a century ago, the business passed, on his death, some forty years back, to the surviving partners, Mr. John H. Fanning and Mr. Laurence Ryan. On the death of the latter, some few years later, the business passed to Mr. Fanning, the present owner, who still retains the founder's name in the trading title. Mr. Fanning resides principally in London, but is ably represented in Waterford by his manager, Mr. Laurence Ryan, one of the most popular mercantile men in the City. The firm's stores are the finest in Waterford, and have almost unlimited capacity. They comprise a retail department, offices, general stores, and cellars on the one side of the street, and great bonded stores on the other. The latter cover a large area, are substantially built, consist of two flats, and carry an immense and valuable stock. The lower flat is finely arranged within, is very cool, and has the natural rock for a rear wall. Here are spirits and rum principally,

including some real old Jamaica and many heavy parcels of the finest Jameson. The flat above is devoted to wines and brandies, all the favourite European districts being represented by large and choice vintages. These the firm import direct, and are able to guarantee both as to genuineness and quality. They are also large buyers from the principal Irish distillers. The trade is of the first order of magnitude, both in the wholesale and retail departments, and in the former commands a connexion all over Ireland and a large portion of England. No firm has a better name with both the trade and the public, the extent of its resources, the fine quality of its stock, and the *bonâ fides* of its transactions, not to speak of its long and honourable career, combining to give it an enviable pre-eminence. Every facility is provided for the promotion of prompt business, and the knowledge and enterprise of the manager are unfailing. But the main strength of the enterprise all along has lain on the excellence of its goods, and so long as this high standard is maintained there is no fear of any retrograde influence marring the fortune of Messrs. H. DOWNES AND Co.



**MERRICK & RUDELL, Irish Woollen Hall, Dungarvan.***Telegrams: "RUDELL, DUNGARVAN."*

THE warehouse of the above firm is not only the finest in Dungarvan, but has quite a metropolitan appearance. The firm's business has been carried on for centuries, the Dungarvan branch dating back about thirteen years. The headquarters are at Youghal, where Mr. Merrick resides. The above premises have a most imposing frontage, with a range of large show

haberdashery, boots and shoes, prints and calicoes, blankets and quilts, shirts and shirtings, tapestries, waterproofs, carpets, floor coverings, room papers, travelling goods, hats and caps, ready-mades, linens, silks, velvets, trimmings, &c. Next door is a glass and china warehouse fully stocked, and containing many exquisite lines in presentation goods. The whole is managed by Mr. Ruddell, who resides in Dungarvan.



windows running right and left of the entrance. The interior is handsomely fitted up in polished woods, is countered all round, and is lofty, spacious, and well ordered; show stands occupy the centre. To the rear the light is from the roof, and here is the mantle and millinery department. The whole range of the drapery and outfitting is covered, the chief departments dealing with woollens and tweeds, dress goods, hosiery and

The connection includes customers of all classes, as high and low are supplied with equal facility in this splendid repertory of first-class goods. The firm are in close touch with the movements of fashion, and keep up the high standard of their business in a way that reflects infinite credit on both partners, and secures for the residents in the town and district all the advantages enjoyed by dwellers in our largest cities.

**WILLIAM LAWLOR,****Family Grocer, Tea and Wine Importer, O'Connell Street, Dungarvan.**

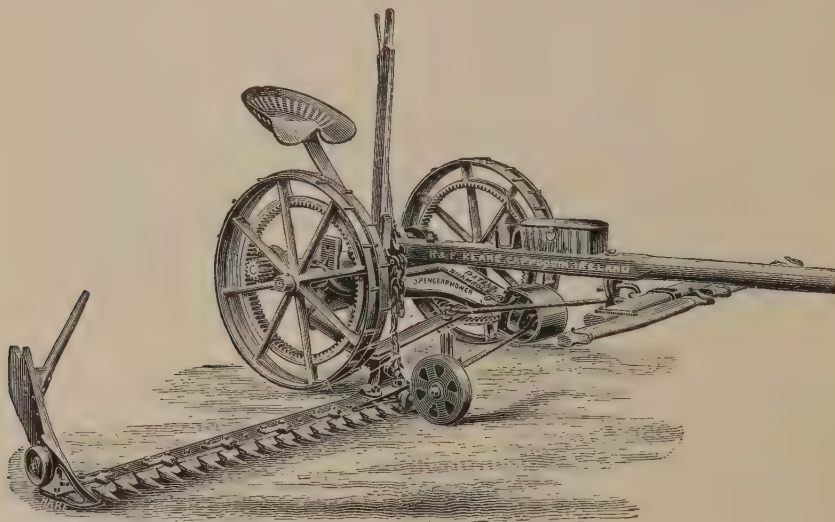
THE present proprietor, Mr. WILLIAM LAWLOR, has had the above business for two years, but it had previously been carried on for half a century. The shop is well situated and suitably fitted. To the front is the grocery and provision department; behind this, that devoted to wines and spirits; and, to the rear, the bottling stores and cellars. The shop is favourably known for the excellent quality of its goods, the teas and wines being imported direct, and the whiskies and

malts those of the best distillers and brewers. Fine teas are the principal speciality. The business enjoys a fair share of the patronage of local residents, and is exceptionally well connected among the agriculturalists of the district. In Mr. LAWLOR's hands the management is all that could be desired, and no effort is spared to meet every demand in the most satisfactory fashion. The proprietor enjoys a good position in business circles, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

## R. &amp; F. KEANE, Cappoquin Foundry, Co. Waterford.

A SIGNIFICANT and encouraging evidence of the vitality of industrial enterprise in Ireland is afforded by the remarkable success, achieved since its comparatively recent foundation, of the important undertaking inaugurated in 1881 by Messrs. R. AND. F. KEANE, the originators of the Cappoquin Foundry, to which this briefly descriptive notice refers. The business was commenced at this date on a limited scale by Messrs. KEANE, of whom Sir Richard Keane, Bart., and Mr. F. H. Keane were the sole partners, and, rapidly increasing the scope of their operations, the firm quickly attained a leading position in the markets of the world, a gratifying result due entirely to the energy and enterprise with which the concern was developed. The

of the firm's operations is one of continuous and rapidly increasing success, each year showing an expansion of the trade and a more urgent demand for the productions of the works. In 1885, Sir Richard Keane, on account of ill-health, retired from the firm, which has since that time been solely represented by Mr. F. H. KEANE, whose practical experience and thoroughly technical knowledge of every branch of the trade have been the responsible factors in the subsequent success of the business. The year 1887 witnessed a further development of the trade by the introduction of the manufacture of mowing and reaping machines, a branch of the business which has more than realised the proprietors' expectations, and now forms the leading feature of the



works were originally laid down for the purpose of producing castings only mainly confined to work in demand for contractors and ironmongery, and the staff at that time consisted of only a few moulders and a number of boys. In 1882 the firm decided to extend the productions of the works to general agricultural machinery by adding the manufacture of all classes of implements, and, accordingly, new premises were constructed adjoining the old shed which had up to that time comprised the whole works. A new foundry, fitting shop, smithy, and joiners' shop were built with suitable stores, and the manufacture of pulpers, slicers, chaff-cutters, and similar small machines was entered upon the early part of 1883. In this year the firm exhibited an assortment of their machines at the Cork Exhibition, and were successful in obtaining awards of two medals for the superior excellence of design and make of their productions. From this date the history

business. The limits of our space preclude us giving *in extenso* full details of the various operative departments, and it will suffice to indicate that the works throughout are of the most complete character, are amply furnished with modern and improved mechanical resources, and giving employment to an average number of seventy hands. The Cappoquin Works have proved a source of material benefit to the locality. The leading specialities of Messrs. KEANE's make include their patent mowers, reapers, wheel rakes, tumbling rakes, and food-preparing machinery of the most improved design, which, from their superior adaptability for these purposes, have gained a reputation second to none both at home and abroad; and, from the numerous awards secured by the firm at all the recent exhibitions, these machines appear destined not only to hold their own in the competitive markets of the world, but to win in the race for supremacy with the productions of the most famous English and Transatlantic manufacturers.



**JOHN WILLOUGHBY, Watchmaker and Jeweller, High Street, Kilkenny.**

THE well-known large and handsome shop of Mr. JOHN WILLOUGHBY, occupying a fine situation at the corner of High Street and the Parade, is one of the first establishments in the City, and a very interesting and fashionable centre. The exterior contains three fine windows, in one of which, facing Patrick Street, is an immense clock. The interior is neatly fitted, and the display, both inside and outside, most comprehensive

and noteworthy. Gold and silver watches in all the newest types, Parisian and English clocks in superb cases, plain and diamond jewellery, plate, plated goods, and valuable *bijouterie* form the chief features. The house, we need hardly say, enjoys the best of patronage, and is noted for the skill of its working staff. The owner, who has carried on the business for twenty-three years, is a practical man, and widely known and respected in Kilkenny and the vicinity.

**T. POWER & SON, General Ironmongers and Manufacturers, High Street, Kilkenny.**

AMONGST the leading representative firms engaged in this department of industrial and mercantile enterprise in the thriving City of Kilkenny, special distinction must be assigned to the old-established house of Messrs. THOMAS POWER & SON, Ironmongers and Manufacturers, the extent and importance of whose operations fully justify their prominent recognition in this work. The business was originally founded about a century ago by the late Thomas Power, Esq., and has been continued by his descendants down to this time, the present representative of the family being Laurence John Power, trading under the time-honoured title so long associated with the firm. The premises are centrally situated in High Street, and comprise large warehouse, presenting an extensive frontage of roof, to that thoroughfare, and in the rear extending back a distance of 100 yards. The establishment is fully stocked with a wide range of general, builders', and house-furnishing ironmongery; cutlery, japanned goods; and every description of harness, saddlery, and stable requisites. A large gateway at the side gives admission to the spacious implement and machinery hall, in which may be inspected an immense assortment of agricultural appliances by all the leading makers at home and

abroad, for whom Messrs. POWER are agents. In the rear are spacious workshops and forges, in which are carried out the operative departments of the business. The works are furnished replete with improved plant and machinery for facilitating the processes of production, and here the firm is constantly engaged in the execution of extensive orders and contracts for engineering and plumbing work and the manufacture of hydraulic rams, pumps, heating apparatus, and every description of iron work. Messrs. POWER are also contractors for the erection of waterworks, sanitary fittings, *laundries and dairies* (a speciality), kitchen ranges and stoves, iron buildings, fences, and all kinds of work of a similar description. An operative force of seventy skilled hands is employed in the works under the careful personal supervision of the principal, whose thoroughly practical experience is evidenced in the efficient and capable management of the concern. A widespread business connection has been for many years past established by Messrs. POWER throughout the City and the surrounding districts, and, by the uniformly high standard of exceptional superiority maintained in every production of the firm, they have secured a reputation of more than local extent and importance in all parts of the country.

**E. O'SHEA, Monumental and Architectural Sculptor, Kilkenny and Callan.**

A HIGHLY interesting branch of art industry is represented in this district by Mr. E. O'SHEA, the well-known Monumental and Architectural Sculptor, whose extensive works at Kilkenny and Callan supply the subject of this briefly descriptive sketch. The business was originally established at Callan, about 80 years ago, by Mr. P. O'Shea, and taken over some twenty years later by Mr. James O'Shea, father of the present head of the concern, Mr. EDWARD O'SHEA. The premises in Kilkenny are situated in the Station Road, and comprise large stone yards and works, together with stone-cutting and dressing mill on the west bank of the River Nore, from which is derived the water power for the machinery. The works are still kept going at Callan. In the yard may be inspected many beautiful specimens of the sculptor's art in headstones, crosses, and other mortuary emblems of high-class design and finished workmanship worked in "Black Kilkenny," "Blue Lime Stone,"

the latter being of the finest quality and especially suitable for monumental and architectural purposes, being susceptible of a very high polish; these and many other kinds of marble worked by the firm. Mr. O'SHEA is also the proprietor of extensive quarries, from which are obtained superior qualities of stone and marble, these being respectively entitled Bonnet's Rath, Holden's Rath, and Ballydonnell. About 50 skilled workmen are constantly employed in the several works and quarries under the personal direction of Mr. O'SHEA, whose thoroughly practical knowledge of every branch of this ancient handicraft ensures the highest efficiency in the working of the various departments of this ably-managed and deservedly successful business. In conclusion, we may mention that medals were awarded this firm for High Merit at Dublin in 1882, Cork 1883, Boston same year, London 1885; and they also exhibited a Celtic Cross in the Irish Exhibition, London, in 1888, which was greatly admired.

**COYLE BROTHERS, Printers, Booksellers, Publishers, Stationers, &c., &c., High Street, Kilkenny.**

THIS important and successful business house was established about thirty years ago by Messrs. John and Thomas Coyle, the well-known Printers, Publishers, Booksellers, Stationers, &c., and has during that extended period been justly recognised as the leading representative firm engaged in this trade in Kilkenny. The premises occupied by Messrs. COYLE BROS. are centrally situated in High Street, and comprise large double-fronted warehouse, conveniently arranged for the storage of the extensive stocks held by the firm in the various departments. These include a comprehensive range of plain, fancy, school, and commercial stationery; photographic views of Kilkenny and objects of interest in the locality; fancy goods; and a wide selection of works in general literature by all the popular standard and modern authors. In the news agency department will be found the monthly magazines and the daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals, which are promptly delivered at subscribers' residences.

Messrs. COYLE's printing works are in Walkin Street, and are furnished replete with plant and machinery of improved modern type for the execution of every description of letterpress and colour printing in the highest style, relief and colour stamping, copperplate engraving, and bookbinding in all its branches. In connection with this department of the business it is worthy of note, as illustrating the promptitude with which Messrs. COYLE avail themselves of an opportunity of rapidly disseminating news of an important character, that the recent sad bereavement of the Royal Family by the death of the Duke of Clarence, and the equally calamitous loss of the great Cardinal Manning, were printed and in circulation within *an hour* of the news being received in Kilkenny. Mr. John Coyle was High Sheriff in 1888, and Mayor of Kilkenny in the following year, and is now senior Alderman of his native City. Mr. Thomas Coyle filled the office of High Sheriff in 1889.

**DUGGAN BROTHERS, Outfitters and Fancy Drapers, High Street, Kilkenny.**

THERE is no more popular drapery and outfitting establishment in this City than that of Messrs. DUGGAN BROTHERS, which may be justly classed amongst the leading houses in this department of commercial enterprise in Kilkenny. The business was established within the past seven years, and has during that comparatively brief period, by the energy and capacity which have marked its direction and management, become firmly secured in public favour with all classes of the inhabitants of the district. The *personnel* of the firm consists of Mr. R. Duggan and Mr. E. Duggan. The former spent several years in one of the largest establishments in Dublin, where he passed through the various departments of the business, ultimately attaining the position of superintendent. On returning to his native City, he joined his brother under the present designation, and the result of their joint enterprise was flattering and noteworthy. An increase in the premises soon became necessary, to secure space for conducting the operations of their rapidly-expanding trade, and even this enlarged accommodation shortly became inadequate, necessitating further alteration and extension. The establishment is centrally situated in High Street, and comprises handsome and commodious double-fronted warehouse, containing convenient and ample accommodation for the extensive stocks held in the several departments of the business.

These include all the new season's novelties in ladies' dress materials, mantles, costumes, millinery, hosiery, handkerchiefs, etc.; gentlemen's gloves, braces, shirts, umbrellas, hats, scarfs, collars, and general outfitting goods in all the newest styles. All these goods are purchased at first hand, and form a selection quite as choice as any to be found in Dublin or London; so that the patrons of the house enjoy all the advantages of metropolitan residents without being charged metropolitan prices. Special attention is directed by the Messrs. DUGGAN to their order or bespoke tailoring trade, for which they retain the services of a staff of competent cutters and work-hands in order to ensure the style, cut, and fit of every garment supplied by the firm. Spacious workshops are also provided on the premises for the dress and mantle making and millinery, in which are employed a number of competent *modistes*, under skilled supervision, in the production of the latest London and Parisian novelties in these departments. An influential circle of patronage has been established by the firm in Kilkenny and the neighbourhood, their *clientèle* embracing the leading city and county families and the principal gentry, whose well-sustained confidence and support have been acquired by the exceptionally high-class character of all goods supplied from Messrs. DUGGAN'S establishment.

**McCUAIG BROTHERS, Wholesale and Family Grocers; Tea, Wine, and Spirit Merchants; Clonmel.**

THE establishment conducted under the above title is one of the foremost business institutions in Clonmel, having now been in existence for the past twelve years, and regulated and controlled by Messrs. McCUAIG BROTHERS, gentlemen of long practical experience and ability. The business from its outset has been conducted solely by the present proprietors, who have exhibited an amount of enterprise that, in the face of the keen competition of the present day, is very

decidedly commendable. Messrs. McCUAIG BROTHERS have catered well for the public, and have throughout maintained a high standard of excellence in quality, combined with the lowest scale of prices compatible with the degree of superiority adhered to. The premises form a very notable feature in the attractiveness of the thoroughfare in which they are located, and consist of a very spacious double-fronted shop that is elegantly fitted and arranged, is commodious, and extends a considerable distance to rear. There is also a very



commanding frontage, and here the appearance of the establishment is considerably enhanced by the effective arrangement of the window display. The extensive stock embraces every department of groceries, provisions, and those miscellaneous items signified by the general term—Italian goods. Wines and spirits also form an important feature, the extensive cellars containing a large stock of the finest vintages of France, Spain, and the Rhine, together with the leading productions in spirit of the home and foreign distilleries.

Every facility is afforded on the premises for the carrying on of extensive bottling operations, and every department of the business is conducted on advanced lines of polity that command success. The connection enjoyed by the firm is of the most widespread and influential character, the *clientèle* including all the leading aristocracy and gentry of the district. The house is universally recognised and justly admitted to be the best and foremost in its line in Clonmel, and has no superior in the county.

### SCOTT BROTHERS, Merchant Tailors and Breeches Makers, Clonmel.

THIS well-known house dates its history back over a period of forty years, during the whole of which time it has traded under the proprietorship of the gentlemen whose names are included in the above-mentioned trading designation. The premises occupied by Messrs. SCOTT BROTHERS are spacious and commodious, comprising a handsome double shop of very large dimensions and exceptionally attractive appearance. The whole establishment is well arranged as regards convenience, and the appointments and fittings of the shop are in excellent taste. Every facility is possessed for the advantageous display of goods, and the establishment is consequently one of the most attractive of its kind in the neighbourhood. The house has special features in its tailoring, dressmaking, mantle, and costume departments, and also enjoys a high reputation for stylish, tasteful, and original productions in millinery. A large staff is employed, and an extensive business is done, Messrs. SCOTT BROTHERS, who personally direct their business, having won a large amount of valuable town and country patronage by constantly keeping their establishment identified with first-class goods in the newest styles and at moderate prices. The business

has ever been an augmenting one, and, although its connection already embraces the leading families of the district, a growing trade with the gentry in all parts of the county testifies to the high degree of appreciation in which the firm are held. The sartorial department includes items of interest suitable to a first-class bespoke trade, noticeable features being cloth, in the web of which there is a splendid selection of suitings, trouserings, coatings, etc., all the newest designs in pattern and material being represented. The firm have acquired great distinction as breeches makers and livery tailors, departments calling for exceptional skill and efficiency. The trade of the firm in both the ladies' and gentlemen's tailoring and general drapery departments is very extensive, and of a character that cannot fail to be a source of keen gratification and pleasure to all concerned in the administration of the establishment; and the enhanced volume of trade enjoyed by the house is a just tribute to the ability, energy, and enterprise which have ever characterised the management. Messrs. SCOTT BROS. are well-known gentlemen and much respected in the trade, as also they are by all with whom they are brought either commercially or socially in contact.

### HEARN'S FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL

(MR. E. MURPHY, *Proprietor*), Parnell Street, Clonmel.

PROMINENT among the several excellent Hotels to be found in this country must be ranked the old-established hostelry which for nearly half a century has been known as "Hearn's" Hotel, Clonmel. Under the long-continued management of its original proprietor (whose splendid administration has caused the establishment to perpetuate his memory in the designation of the house) a very high reputation was secured, and, among both tourists, private families, and commercial men visiting Clonmel, "Hearn's" Hotel more than maintained its own in competition with kindred establishments in the district. The management subsequently passed into the hands of a Mr. Cantwell, who conducted it for several years with more or less of success, until two years ago Mr. E. Murphy, the present proprietor, took over the control, with results that cannot be too highly estimated. In the course of Mr. Murphy's short administration he has succeeded to an eminent degree in greatly increasing the volume of patronage enjoyed by his predecessor, and from what we could learn in the town, as well as see for ourselves, we have no hesitation in predicting a long course of uninterrupted success as the inevitable outcome of Mr. Murphy's

capable and courteous administration of affairs. The Hotel is pleasantly situated, and forms an attractive feature in Parnell Street. It comprises a four-storey building, adorned by an elegant façade having a balcony, which greatly enhances both its appearance and utility. The interior is very capacious, the various apartments being large and lofty. There are the usual dining, commercial, smoke, coffee, and billiard rooms, a number of sitting and bedrooms *en suite*, and accommodation for a large number of guests. An air of cleanliness and comfort pervades the entire establishment, which has been furnished throughout in a style of befitting elegance and good taste. The house possesses all the advantages of perfect sanitation, the lavatory appointments being exceptionally complete and commodious. An admirable *cuisine* forms a leading feature, while the wine cellars are replete with choice wines and spirits of pronounced excellence and maturity. The Hotel, taken as a whole, admirably exemplifies in every particular what a first-class family and commercial hostelry ought to be, and under the vigorous and efficient control of its present esteemed proprietor a long course of prosperity is in store for the house.

## THOMAS MURPHY &amp; COMPANY, Brewers, Clonmel.

IN reviewing the various industries that tend to create and maintain the commercial prosperity and social well-being of the South of Ireland, special attention is naturally directed to the great brewing and distilling industries, which, in the magnitude of their operations and the estimation in which their products are held throughout the world, places them—so far as Ireland is concerned—in a position of unquestioned supremacy. Among the leading and most representative firms to be met with in the ale and porter-brewing industry of the South of Ireland must be ranked that of MESSRS. THOMAS MURPHY AND CO., the well-known proprietors of the Clonmel Brewery. This celebrated house, besides being among the most important and extensive, is also almost the oldest established Brewery to be met with in the provincial towns of Ireland. The nucleus of its present success was laid in the year of the great Irish rebellion—the ever memorable 1798. The proportions of the Brewery at the outset were indeed modest, when with the massive and far-extending piles of buildings which frequent enlargements and additions have made part of the Brewery. As early as 1829 a terrible conflagration destroyed the buildings, but they were speedily rebuilt in the form we now recognise the Brewery, consisting of a large six storey building, its frontage pierced by fully 300 windows. Synchronously with the growth of the Brewery premises has been the improvement of the machinery, plant, and appliances, every improved device and mechanical invention being taken up with the avidity of a proprietorship determined to produce malt beverages of unsurpassed quality at the lowest possible cost. The present title of the firm was first adopted in 1838, the then partners being the brothers Thomas and John M. Murphy. The latter gentleman died in the year 1849, the former in the following year. The Brewery then passed into the hands of Messrs. Samuel and Benjamin Murphy, sons of the before-mentioned Mr. John M. Murphy. In 1854 the elder of the brothers died,

bequeathing his interest in the concern to another brother, Mr. John Murphy. Mr. Benjamin Murphy died in 1880, and his brother, Mr. John Murphy, in 1886, since which time the Brewery has been conducted by Mr. Charles Ffennell, managing trustee on behalf of the heirs, Messrs. Thomas, George F., and John M. Murphy, sons of the late Mr. Benjamin Murphy. The Brewery, as we find it to-day under Mr. Ffennell's capable administration, possesses productive facilities of the highest order, alike in efficiency of action and in excellence of result. Indeed the Clonmel Brewery of a MESSRS. MURPHY AND CO. has won a wide reputation as a "model" establishment in every important sense of that word; and during recent years it has especially justified this reputation. The maltings have all the latest labour-saving appliances, and actual manual effort is reduced to a minimum; grain elevators, conductors, and other modern contrivances of a like nature running in every part of the Brewery wherein their services are required. The water supply, that most important consideration in the resources of a Brewery, is unlimited, and another very noteworthy feature in the organization of this establishment is the coopers' shop, where all cask repairing and construction is attended to by skilful workmen. Altogether the Brewery—as we have already indicated—is in a position to hold its own with the most notable of its many contemporaries in the trade. Certainly it will never be behind others in the march of progress, and it is not difficult to predict for it a future fully in keeping with its past magnificent traditions and present promise. Besides a large home trade throughout Ireland the firm have established and maintained valuable connection in both England, Wales, and Scotland; and the stouts and ales so exported are genuinely famous. We need only remark in concluding this review that MESSRS. THOMAS MURPHY AND CO. have just reason to be proud of the condition of industrial efficiency and commercial prosperity to which has been brought the great establishment bearing their name.

## E. O'DONOGHUE, General Draper, 31, Parnell Street, Clonmel.

THE above-mentioned drapery emporium is one of considerable standing and influence in this district. The premises occupied by Mr. O'DONOGHUE consist of a large double shop, possessing a spacious frontage with two lofty windows, containing an ample stock in drapery, haberdashery, and general clothing. The dress goods department contains a choice selection of cashmeres, French merinoes, all-wool striped cashmeres, beiges, serges, and melton tweeds at really surprising value. A stock of general drapery is held which is second to none in the county for style, quality, and moderate price. In hosiery, corsets, and gloves, the items are full of interest, and the blanket, bed quilt, and sheet section demands the attention of every prudent housekeeper. The cottons, twills, and skirtings, as also flannels, plaidings, and shirtings, are of a high order of merit. The lace curtains in the furnishing drapery department are superior productions, and in yarns the stock is thoroughly reliable. An extensive trade is carried on by Mr. O'DONOGHUE, and the connection includes a large number of families residing in all parts of Clonmel and surrounding districts. The trade of this

establishment is of a good, brisk, general character, employing a staff of efficient assistants, who have the advantage of Mr. O'DONOGHUE's able and experienced guidance and supervision. Mr. O'DONOGHUE also carries on a valuable auctioneering business, in which department a considerable connection is enjoyed.

Besides the drapery and auctioneering businesses, Mr. O'DONOGHUE has a wine and spirit establishment in Dublin Street, which is well known to all who are in the habit of visiting Clonmel, for all goods sold are of first-class quality from the best known producers; but the speciality of the house is J. Jameson's seven-year-old whiskey, which has no superior in the market, and in which a very large trade is done. Mr. O'DONOGHUE's establishment has long fulfilled a sphere of usefulness and convenience, and has come to be looked upon as an indispensable institution in the town rather than as a private enterprise. The proprietor is well known and highly respected in the county, where, by his strict attention to business, sound judgment, and genial courtesy, he has secured the confidence and support of a very large and influential connection, extending over a wide and ever-increasing area.



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OCCUPYING the banks of the Shannon as it broadens out into a long sheltered estuary or arm of the Atlantic, Limerick is placed to the best advantage. On the west it commands the sea and has had a good share of the shipping trade, for which it has excellent harbourage and docks. On the landward side it commands the west and centre of Ireland both by rail and by the navigation of the canal to Loch Derg, Athlone, and the Grand Canal.

Like "all Gaul," Limerick is divided into three parts

warehouses and so broad the quays; so neat and trim a street of near a mile which stretches before you." Here, too, a fine residential neighbourhood has arisen.

For stirring history and marks of antiquity Limerick can vie with any place in the Emerald Isle; it is even stated to have been possessed of a Mayor eight years before London. At the western extremity of the Thomond Bridge rests the pedestal surmounted by the stone on which, if tradition be an honest woman of her word, the "Treaty of Limerick" was signed just two hundred



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## DOCKS, LIMERICK.

by the Shannon and the Abbey Rivers, but is linked together by various bridges, of which the handsome and costly Wellesley and the historic Thomond Bridges are the most notable. The most ancient section of the City is English Town, occupying the island; on the Clare side lies the Irish Town; and the best part is a modern extension called the New Town, or, more properly, Newtown Pery.

"In walking through the New Town," says Thackeray, "you are at first half led to believe that you are arrived in a second Liverpool, so tall are the

years ago. Around this stone has long raged a heated controversy, the question in dispute being whether the treaty was violated; that is to say, whether the article was kept which stipulated that the Roman Catholics were to enjoy the same religious privileges as in the time of King Charles II., and to be secured against persecution.

King John's Castle, at the other extremity of Thomond Bridge, raises aloft its antique turrets and towers, and carries the meditative spectator back to the days, in 1210, when King John took possession of the place and fortified it. It has sustained "a deal of



battering and blows from Danes, from fierce Irish kings, from English warriors, Elizabethans, Crom-

interest, and the whole is crowned by an imposing tower, whose fine peal of bells is associated with the following legend: "The founder of the bells, an Italian, having wandered through many lands, at last, after the lapse of long years, arrived in the Shannon one summer evening. As he sailed up the river, he started at hearing his long lost bells ring out a glorious chime; with intensified attention he listened to their tones, and when his companions tried to arouse him from his ecstasy they found that he had died of joy."

Commercially, Limerick is one of the most active centres and ports

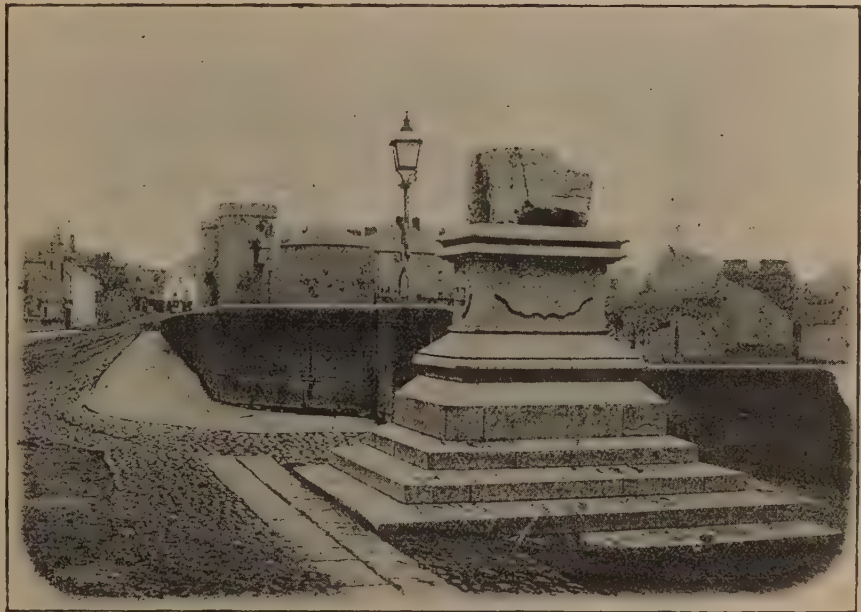


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THOMOND BRIDGE, LIMERICK.

wellians, Jacobites, King Williamites." As every one knows, Limerick was the last stronghold of King James, and, in spite of the fatal day at the Boyne, refused to surrender to King William, and succeeded in resisting the besiegers till in 1691 the "Treaty of Limerick" was made, of which we have spoken.

Chief among the City's buildings stands the Cathedral, placed in English Town, and remarkable, among other things, in that it is not cruciform, but simply consists of three aisles. Within are chapels and tombs of considerable



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TREATY STONE, LIMERICK.

in Ireland. Its lace has been famous in distant markets. Its flour mills have suffered severely from

the bacon market supplied by the City on the Shannon. It has also a fair reputation for its distilleries, tanneries



From Photo by Lawrence. ——— GEORGES STREET, LIMERICK.

American competition. But even America—and the writer has seen pigs turned into sausages in less than no time in Chicago—cannot improve upon the methods by which pigs are killed and hams cured and

clothing factories, and condensed milk companies. And in better times, well employed, it is capable of still greater prosperity.

Some of the minor establishments, too, are not



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DOMINICAN R.C.C., LIMERICK.



undeserving of the considerable patronage they enjoy during the tourist season, especially from the large body of American friends who annually visit the scene of such momentous historical annals as are traced—as though in blood—in the records of the City. The brief space

interest that no necessarily brief literary production, however eloquently worded or profusely illustrated, can hope to rival. We proceed, then, to exemplify those mercantile concerns of the district whose energetic and capable administration, supported by praiseworthy



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#### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK.

at our disposal is now exhausted; and our few remarks upon the history and character of the place have, after all, been only of a fragmentary and superficial character. It is to be hoped that the actual charms and reliable traditions of Limerick will invest the locality with an

integrity and sound commercial methods of trading, have raised their proprietors to conspicuous local eminence, and added not inconsiderably to the prosperity of the City and to the enhancement of its industrial, social, and municipal well-being.

## W. J. SHAW &amp; SONS, Ham and Bacon Curers, Garryowen Factory, Limerick.

A VERY considerable share of the importance attaching to the historic City of Limerick at the present day is directly attributable to the pre-eminent position she occupies in connection with the bacon and ham-curing industries, which constitute, as exemplified by Limerick's leading establishments, perhaps the most successful departments of commercial enterprise to be met with in the South of Ireland. The house of Messrs. W. J. SHAW AND SONS, from its long and honourable standing and the enormous magnitude of its operations, especially demands the attention of the historian of Hibernia's modern industries, and it is with sincere pleasure that we record in these reviews the impressions that a recent visit to the Garryowen Factory enabled us to form. This great house, which, we believe, might justly claim to be the second largest bacon curing establishment in Europe, was founded in the year 1831 by the late William John Shaw, Esq., the descendant of an ancient County Down family. From its earliest inception to the present hour the progress and development of the business have been little less than phenomenal, and in the firm's establishment to-day we find every facility afforded for the slaughter and subsequent curing of no fewer than one hundred and fifty thousand pigs per annum. The great factory of the firm has a frontage on Mulgrave Street of 250 feet, and the building covers the space between that thoroughfare and Roxborough Road, a distance of 400 feet. The factory is in proximity to the railway, from whence there exists direct communication by means of a siding. There, as well as throughout the Limerick and Waterford railway system, may be seen the specially constructed railway waggons, all which waggons are legibly marked with the name of the firm. These waggons were made at the well-known Stableford Works, and Messrs. W. J. SHAW & SONS' business is the only firm in the kingdom in this trade that can lay claim to these advantages. The floorage space readily admits of the manipulation of three thousand porkers per week, an enormous number, the significance of which it is difficult to realise all at once. The killing proceeds at an enormous rate; science and skill combined have in this branch, as throughout the factory, worked wonders. As an example, in ordinary times this work commences at 6 a.m. and lasts until 9 a.m., by which time some 400 to 500 animals are daily operated on—an average of over two per minute. For the purposes of slaughter the pigs selected are ranged in a number of pens, and are driven thence one by one along a narrow passage, which terminates at the place of execution. Directly the animal approaches the spot it is seized, passed head downwards along a stout iron bar, and immediately receives its *coup de grâce* before it has, probably, realised the fact of its suspension in mid-air. The body is swung along the iron bar, and should the carcass be reserved for the English market—in which case it is technically known as a "Bacon"—it is transferred to the singeing house, where, after about fifteen seconds of exposure to a strong heat, the hair is readily removed. The animal is then subjected to a thorough "douching," which renders the skin perfectly clean and agreeable. The removal of the interior organs constitutes the next process, and this operation is performed with a rapidity, yet a thoroughness, only possible after long and con-

stant practice. In the case of what are called "Berwicks"—a smaller pig which forms the staple supply for Irish consumption—the preliminary treatment of the dead carcass is somewhat different. "Berwicks" are not singed, but immediately conveyed after slaughter to an immense tank of boiling water, which loosens the hair and renders easy its removal by scraping. The body is next decapitated and the carcasses conveyed to the refrigerating chambers to be cooled by an improved process, the invention of Mr. A. W. Shaw, and of which he, in conjunction with a Liverpool gentleman, is the sole patentee. This system has been proved by experience to be the most perfect in existence, and Messrs. SHAW'S establishment is the only one in the world where it is in operation. The refrigerating chambers are vast stone-paved vaults, and here, in the semi-obscurity, are hanging what can only be described as legions of carcasses. And when we pause to think that this volume of food is constantly being translated to other departments, we wonder where the millions on millions of porkers represented can all go to. Our attention is directed to a wainscoting, and we notice at our feet a perfectly appreciable stream of cold air rushing in and mingling with the warmer atmosphere in and amongst the cooling carcasses, and warm air, in ascending, attracts to itself all impurities, and next comes in contact with a number of pipes containing brine at a low temperature. Here the air becomes cooled again, and re-descends to repeat the process, and the impurities already alluded to are attracted by, and attach themselves to, the piping, forming there a visible filmy deposit. We see here how the scientific mind can utilise a simple but invaluable natural law, producing a refrigerated chamber with a perfect circulation of air, which performs a work hitherto and elsewhere still less well done by complicated and expensive processes.

We now proceed to inspect the department where are situate the refrigerators that keep the brine at the required temperature, for, be it noted, not an ounce of ice is used in the establishment beyond what may be required for packing purposes, and that ice is made on the premises. From here we pass into a lofty chamber, where we see two enormous cylinders by the celebrated firm of Pontifex & Wood, of Merton, in Surrey, and Shoe Lane, London. These refrigerators, named "The Zetland," in honour of His Excellency the Earl of Zetland, who visited the premises some time since, are the largest of their type in the world—perfect triumphs of mechanical and engineering skill. They are filled with hydrated ammonia, from which the water is subsequently extracted, and, the pure ammonia occupying the same space as when hydrated, intense cold is generated. This comes in contact with the brine pipes, which perform the wonderful work previously described. In an adjoining building are other two refrigerators, named appropriately "Boreas" and "Avalanche," the makers of which are Messrs. Sideley and Co., of Liverpool, so that any temporary stoppage of one installation would in no wise interfere with the regular conduct of the various processes. In the engine room we find a pair of double-action horizontal engines of 80 h.p. by the celebrated Limerick firm, H. Lee and Sons; and when we mention that in machinery alone there is represented a value of £10,000, some idea may be formed



of what space compels us to lightly glance at. The carcasses being thoroughly cooled—a fact which their firmness renders apparent even to the most inexperienced—are conveyed to the pickling rooms, where, in company with thousands of others, the portions are “cured” on the most scientific principles. Into these “chambers of death” no daylight penetrates, and here science comes to the aid of the large body of workmen who operate in this department. Electric lighting is resorted to as a cooler medium of illumination, and the introduction of this force for the purpose has been most satisfactory. The portions intended for the Saxon palate are packed in canvas after having been branded, and are dispatched in their “green” state. English buyers prefer to receive the goods in the undried condition, as it can more easily be dried and smoked to suit the requirements of the English market. The more fastidious Irish palate prefers the choicer middles of the dainty “Berwick,” and to cater to this important class of buyers Messrs. W. J. SHAW AND SONS make a speciality of their renowned brand of “Mild-cured Breakfast Bacon.” In the curing of hams the most skilful efforts of the operators are necessarily put forth. The hams having lain in salt for a considerable time are taken out and passed through the hands of workmen who cut, pare, and shape them. We have it on high authority that a workman can make a very indifferent, unpromising looking ham into a most shapely, seductive joint; or, should he be unskilful, it may leave his hands more unsaleable than before. The razor-like knives are used with lightning rapidity and a neatness almost artistic in its finish. The hams are taken from the ice houses to kiln-like chambers, some thirty feet high, crossed and re-crossed at intervals from within a short distance from the floor to the ceiling with iron spiked racks. The green hams, cured with salt and appropriate spices, are suspended on these spikes, and the chamber heated from beneath. The combustibles fill the chamber with a dense smoke, which imparts the delicate brown colour so grateful to the eye of the epicurean connoisseur. When this operation is completed the goods are practically ready for the market. The heads are conveyed to pickling tanks, whence they ultimately issue to provision merchants throughout the kingdom. What is termed the “offal” (surely a misnomer, by the way, when its feeding qualities are considered) is now largely utilised by the firm in the manufacture of such dainties as sausages; while such items as kidneys, liver, heart, feet, and cuttings find a ready market in the English metropolis and the large provincial towns. The lard produced is the pure fat of the animal. The lard refinery is a newly erected structure, from whence rails are laid down which run to the railway siding. A remarkable feature of the entire establishment is its cleanliness and freedom from objectionable sights. The blood, for example, as it leaves the carcase, flows into specially constructed vehicles, and is at once carted to a distance from the factory, thus avoiding anything objectionable to the sight as well as any noxious effluvia. Most of the immense supply of water necessary to cleanliness is obtained from seven springs in the vicinity of the factory. Here is a once disused quarry, which forms part of Messrs. W. J. SHAW AND SONS’ property. Looking south we perceive the county prison, built from stone

drawn from this quarry. The seven springs provide a plentiful and abundant supply of water. The supply forms a miniature lake, while an additional supply has recently been obtained, with the permission of the Corporation, from the firm’s cooperage works, situate some 300 yards distant. Some years since, at the time when additional water was wanted, Mr. Shaw, in order to confirm the scepticism of a scientific mind, engaged the services of a so-called water finder—who was held in high repute in Wiltshire and adjoining counties—who, by means of a divining wand, claimed the power of discovering the spot where water would be found. On this occasion all he discovered was a magnificent bed of trap rock, the most unlikely place possible for finding water. The boring extended to a depth of 400ft., and was carried out at a cost of £800, in return for which a magnificent disc of adamantite trap, some 8 inches in diameter, serves as a sole relic of the water finder’s divining powers. Wheresoever we direct the enquiring eye throughout this mammoth establishment we find the evidences of marvellously perfect equipment and admirable administration. From the magnificent suite of offices down to the ice-cold vaults and outhouses we see the electric light installed. On the upper floor is a miniature railway running from various parts of the building to an opening, beneath which is the railway siding. There are lifts to every floor, while telephonic communication to an exceptionally complete extent has been established. The Limerick factory of the firm is under the management of A. W. Shaw, Esq., J.P., while his elder brother, James Thompson Shaw, Esq., controls the London office, situate at 39, King William Street, E.C. The Cork branch of the business is carried on under the supervision of Charles H. Gubbins, Esq. (brother-in-law of the former gentlemen), while branch offices of the firm are located in every important town of the United Kingdom.

We cannot refrain, ere concluding, from acknowledging the courtesy extended to us during our visit by the gentleman who acts as secretary to Mr. Shaw, and who is well known as the author of a pamphlet on Technical Education—a difficult subject to tackle, but one which such symbols as A.B., LL.B., and T.C.D. surely justify him in undertaking. Of Mr. A. W. Shaw we need only remark, for the information of non-residents in the South of Ireland, that he is Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, a consistent Liberal in politics, occupies the Presidency of the Protestant Home Rule Association, and is eminent as a writer and a debater on all topics or social problems that affect the well-being of the country. He also takes the warmest and most active interest both in sport and athletics. As a breeder of pigs he has no equal in the kingdom, and his literary contributions on the subject of improvement in the breed of native stock have elicited the warmest admiration of the most competent judges. We can only add to an already more than usually extended review that Messrs. W. J. SHAW AND SONS’ magnificently organised and ably administered industrial concern exemplifies the marvellous progress and development of Irish industrial operations when directed by men able to bring to bear upon their efforts enterprise, capital, experience, judgment, and thorough honesty of business purpose.

**The Condensed Milk Company of Ireland Ltd.**

**The Limerick Factory**

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LIMERICK,  
MALLOW,  
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CLEEVE LIMERICK.

**THE CONDENSED MILK COMPANY OF IRELAND, LIMITED,**  
**Lansdowne, Limerick.**

LIMERICK, one of the great food centres of the United Kingdom, with its proportionately great industrial population, its cosmopolitan trading connection, and its undeniable right to be ranked among the premier manufacturing cities of Ireland, can boast of few industrial enterprises more conducive to human well-being than is exemplified in the great and ever-growing concern indicated at the head of this sketch. The circumstance of a Condensed Milk Factory being established within the limits of the United Kingdom is one upon which the Empire has good grounds for self-congratulation. We have been far too ready in the past, out of the superabundance of our national wealth, to patronise industries while oblivious of the demands of unemployed labour at home, as well as negligent of the possible productions of many of our national sources of supply. Not, indeed, that in the particular circle of industry under notice there has been no attempt made previous to that of the CONDENSED MILK COMPANY OF IRELAND, LIMITED, but no successful attempt. Three times by different Companies the manufacture of condensed milk was attempted at Mallow, but without permanent success, while at various times within the last quarter of a century several English Companies have succumbed to the difficulties inherent in a business

of this special nature. These difficulties, apart from the large capital necessary to launch and work such an enterprise on an adequate scale, centre in the practical part of the business—the vast organisation required for its exploitation, and the special science, knowledge, and experience required in producing an article that will keep good for years, under all conditions, in every part of the world. That the CONDENSED MILK COMPANY OF IRELAND, LIMITED, and its branches have been the pioneers in the path of success may excuse us for entering into some details of the origin and progress of a Company of such national significance, which for the past ten years has placed within reach of the consumer an article which altogether transcends the much-vaunted and expensively advertised productions of Switzerland and other foreign centres of milk condensation.

About thirty years ago a very young man landed in Limerick from Canada, and entered as an apprentice an important business devoted to the oil, colour, drug, and cement trades belonging to an uncle of his. (Under the auspices of this house took place the banquet to Smith O'Brien, immortalized by Thackeray in his poem, "The Banquet by the Shannon Shores.") The young apprentice rose eventually to the position of manager of the concern, and, we suppose, on the ground of the process of evolution designated as "The survival of the fittest,"



became ultimately sole proprietor. Retaining the old title of J. P. Evans & Co., general merchants, the new proprietor, Mr. Thomas Henry Cleeve, with characteristic energy, rebuilt the Thomas Street premises, and acquired the central buildings in George Street, now universally recognised as the *locale* of the leading *dépôt* for agricultural implements, seeds, and manures in the South of Ireland. Mr. Cleeve now invited his younger brothers from Canada to join him, and, possessed of ample resources of capital and business experience, turned his attention to the project of developing the condensed milk and creamery business, whose present consummation has won for him such an enduring celebrity in the South and West of Ireland. About the year 1881 Mr. Cleeve, impressed with the enormous amount of money paid annually to Americans, Frenchmen, Danes, Swiss, &c., for such articles as milk, butter, &c., and aware that there is no country in the world better adapted for the production of such commodities than Ireland, wrote a pamphlet showing the advantage to be derived from production in large and uniform quantities, which *brochure* he had distributed among the dairy farmers of Munster. Practical in everything, and suiting the action to the word, Mr. Cleeve, acting in conjunction with his four brothers and two other gentlemen, acquired the premises known as the *Old Ship Yard*, standing within the City on the bank of the Shannon, and launched the enterprise of the CONDENSED MILK COMPANY OF IRELAND, LIMITED. The initial difficulties surrounding the venture were not small, and these were accentuated by the opposition of contingent interests threatened thereby, and the usual music of the "croakers" who belong to the "dog-in-the-manger" confraternity. Mr. Cleeve and his colleagues, however, "pegged away," and steadily popularised his ideas and theories among the farmers and dairymen until they perceived that it was their interest to abandon the older methods and identify themselves with the fortunes of the new concern. The adoption of methods ensuring absolute cleanliness was made essential from the first, and to the present time the Company and its numerous supporters have not ceased to pay the warmest idolatry to this first principle. The working of this vast organisation of the Company is in this and other important respects a model, and the Royal dairies themselves can show nothing better in any point of view.

The Limerick factory of the Company, apart from its extent, is one of the finest in the world, and represents in its cost for buildings and equipment a sum of almost £100,000. The limits of our present sketch preclude the possibilities of so descriptive an account of this vast establishment as its importance unquestionably merits, but it is due both to the Company and our readers that at least a faint idea should be conveyed regarding the processes of an industry so universally affecting all classes of the community. The milk reaches the factory direct from the cow by special arrangement with the various carrying agencies, and is delivered on the factory platform without contamination of any kind. Skirting the platform on one side is a large tank, into which the milk is at once strained, and is thence conducted by block-tin pipes to two large specially manufactured vats, where it is heated to a

given temperature. It next passes into three condensers, in which it boils for a fixed period, and is led through several taps (which run horizontally from the bottoms of the condensers) into round tin cans, which, when full, are placed in tanks of iced water revolving by a system of cogwheels. When cool the milk is packed into the familiar tins and hermetically sealed, to be afterwards distributed to all parts of the earth. Some 60,000 such tins are daily packed during the season, demanding the milk of more than 10,000 cows, affording employment to an immense number of hands, and representing an expenditure of wages in Limerick of quite ten thousand pounds per annum. The benefit to the farming classes, who receive an enhanced price for their milk, cannot easily be represented in figures. All labour is paid for by result, and in the thirty dairies now working in Ireland Mr. Cleeve's model has been followed with the happiest results, both as regards method and equipment.

This brings under our notice another branch of the business—the production of perfectly pure butter; and we need hardly say that "Cleeve's Creamery" is a brand holding the very first position in the home markets. There are several very interesting departments of the factory, but none more so than that devoted to the manufacture of tins, where a mechanical equipment of the most improved type enables the Company to turn out the twelve millions of tins required for their annual output. The steam engines are of the finest class, and are fed by four steel Galloway boilers. Each department is under the control of one of the brothers, and the scrupulous care with which cleanliness is maintained gives the factory quite a distinct character. The Company have also in full operation a large factory at Mallow, and are opening another at Carrick-on-Suir presenting much the same pleasing features as the parent establishment. The dairy section is carried on under the titles of "The Limerick Dairy Co." and "The Munster Dairy Company."

The London offices of the CONDENSED MILK COMPANY are at 69 and 70, Mark Lane, E.C.; the Liverpool offices—22 and 22A, Sir Thomas's Buildings, Victoria Street; while the Limerick offices are at No. 131, George Street.

The public value and importance of such an enterprise as the one we have thus too briefly reviewed in the preceding lines cannot readily be overestimated. When we consider the claims of millions of babies and sucklings to whom milk is the naturally ordained source of strength; when we contemplate the earnest longings for a refreshing draught of milk that proceed from the weary soldier on the march; when we remember the case of those who "go down to the sea in ships and have their business on the great waters," and recognise that to each and all of them the generous lacteal fluid is more or less a prohibited thing, save in condensed form; and when, moreover, we recognise the fact that home industries demand from every true patriot a preferential support at his hands, we are grateful for the existence of such an enterprise as that under notice, and confess ourselves confident of its able administration, solicitous as to its continued success, and sanguine as to a vastly extended and splendidly enhanced sphere of future industrial operations.

## CANNOCK AND COMPANY, LIMITED,

Wholesale and Retail Drapers, Merchant Tailors, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers ;

Carpet, Curtain, and General Warehousemen ; Limerick.

In selecting for this sketch the magnificent temple of commerce which supplies a monumental example of the well-won fruits of Irish commercial enterprise in the City of Limerick, we need offer no apology to our readers for introducing to their notice the colossal undertaking which, under the title of MESSRS. CANNOCK AND COMPANY, LIMITED, has achieved a reputation of national importance and a popularity which can only be measured by the immensely successful proportions it has attained during the extended period of its active existence. The history of this notable house dates back to its inception in the early part of the present century, when the business was founded by Messrs.

and head of the great house of Clery and Co., Lower Sackville Street, Dublin, and Mr. James Moriarty Tidmarsh, J.P., and was continued by these gentleman with ever-increasing success until 1877, when it was converted into a limited liability company, trading under the title of CANNOCK AND COMPANY, LIMITED. The firm's magnificent premises in George Street are incomparably the most attractive, spacious, and, from every point of view, the most excellent business house in Limerick. It surpasses in architectural grandeur, in extent of area, in convenient arrangement of sections and departments any establishment of the kind in the province of Munster, its noble and graceful



Cumine, Mitchell, and Co., Woollen Drapers, this firm being subsequently succeeded in 1850 by Messrs. Cannock and White, and later the title was altered to Arnott, Cannock, and Co., at the head of which was the present Sir John Arnott, D.L., of Cork, with whom was associated the late Mr. George Cannock. After some years' prosperous trading Sir John retired from the firm, and Mr. Cannock was joined by the late Sir Peter Tait, a man of considerable foresight and commercial ability, whose munificent acts as a local public man are remembered with gratitude to this day by the people of Limerick. In 1869 the business was purchased by Mr. J. Clery, J.P., the present chairman of the Company

clock tower rising to an altitude of 180 feet. The clock and bells were made and erected in 1888 by the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (formerly Gillett and Bland), of Croydon, London, who also made the large clocks at Sligo Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral (Dublin), and other important horological works in Ireland. The clock is what is generally known as a Westminster (or Cambridge) chime clock; that is to say, it strikes these chimes every 15 minutes in addition to striking the hours. The two terms "Westminster" and "Cambridge" are synonymous as applied to clocks, and, as a matter of fact, the "St. Mary's, of Cambridge," is the original



term for these chimes, although, through greater prominence given to their music since they were introduced into the Westminster Clock Tower, they are more generally referred to as "Westminster Quarters" in these present times. The bells upon which the hours and quarters are struck at Messrs. CANNOCK'S are five in number, and of the following weights, notes, &c.:—Bell No. 1 (smallest); note, E; weight, 3cwts. 2qrs. 21lbs.; diam. at mouth, 26 inches. No. 2; note, D; weight, 4cwts. 3qrs. 21lbs.; diam. at mouth, 28 inches. No. 3; note, C; weight, 5cwts. 1qr. 6lbs.; diam. at mouth, 30 inches. No. 4; note, G; weight, 7cwts. 3qrs. 14lbs.; diam. at mouth, 37 inches. Hour Bell; note, F; weight, 11cwts. 2qrs. 2lbs.; diam. at mouth,  $41\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Total weight of the bells, 33cwts. 1qr. 8lbs.

In all properly made turret clocks the weight of the hammers to strike the bells is regulated by the weight of the bells themselves. The reason for this is that, unless the hammer bears a certain proportion to the weight of the bell, it will not bring out its full tone. This proportion is within the discretion of the makers to some extent, but it is generally acknowledged that, to bring out the proper tone of a bell the hammer should weigh  $\frac{1}{10}$ th that of the bell for the hours, with a somewhat modified figure for the chimes. Thus we find at Messrs. CANNOCK'S this rule has been well sustained, the weight of the hammers being:—18, 20, 22, 28, and 35 lbs., respectively. These hammers are kept continually "off" the bells by a powerful steel spring, which is borne down momentarily by the weight of the hammer falling upon it, but regains its normal position directly the bell is struck, and prevents any jarring during vibration.

The clock is now furnished with four dials, a new one having been added by Messrs. Gillett & Co. at Christmas. Each dial is six feet in diameter, and glazed with best opal glass, which has the advantage of equally diffusing the illumination behind it, a property not possessed by other species of glass. Each centre part is backed with cast-iron ribs to protect the glass from being blown in by high wind. The dials are made of iron, cast in one piece, and painted gilt as shewn. The hands of each dial are made out of stout sheet copper, which are stiffened by means of brass run in at the back, which thus prevents them from being blown about, and enables them to keep their position on the face. The hands are also balanced, inside the tower, to preserve their equilibrium.

From the principal entrance in George Street

the visitor passes northwards through the immense range of warerooms, in which are displayed with effective taste the latest fashions in costumes, silks, millinery, mantles, furs, artistic furniture, etc., a total distance of 288 feet; the entire floor area of the establishment occupying the enormous aggregate of 39,360 square feet. Upwards of 300 sale assistants, clerks, and workpeople are employed in the various departments of this mammoth business, in addition to a large number of female hands engaged in the fabrication of the beautiful Limerick lace, a speciality for which this firm is celebrated. Adjoining the wholesale and retail departments, and communicating therewith by means of double iron doors, is the cabinet factory, in which a staff of first-class workmen is employed in the manufacture of high-class furniture, which for artistic design and finish, durability and value, bears favourable comparison with the finest productions of the leading London houses. To sum up the comprehensive resources in detail of Messrs. CANNOCK'S gigantic establishment would, we fear, be impossible within the brief limits allotted to this sketch, and we must therefore be content to indicate the leading features of their principal departments in addition to those already mentioned. These include woollens, prints, hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, haberdashery, ribbons, laces, shoes, silks, cloaks, shawls, flannels, calicoes, perfumery, carpets, hats and caps, bespoke tailoring (a noted speciality), ready-mades, furniture, underclothing, etc., etc. In conclusion we may state without exaggeration that Messrs. CANNOCK AND Co. are fully entitled to the designation of Universal Providers in its broadest sense;—the babe from its entrance into the world, and in its progress through the various stages of life to its final exit, may here find every requirement for personal comfort or adornment, and every article of house furnishing, from which peer or peasant may make suitable selection. Brevity is essential in a review of this character, otherwise we should find emphatic pleasure and satisfaction in dealing more fully with the undertaking and operations of this admirably organised concern, which, under the skilful administration of its able managing director, Philip R. Toppin, Esq., whose personality is inseparably associated with its signal success, the Company is in the unique position of being able to declare at the end of the financial year that the item in their balance sheet headed "Trade Creditors" is represented by the word *nil*, or in other words that they did not at that date owe a single penny for goods supplied.

J. P. EVANS & CO., Chemists, Druggists, Drysalters, Seed and Agricultural Implement Merchants, Limerick.

WE have already in these industrial and historical reviews had occasion to comment in favourable terms upon the splendid spirit of commercial enterprise which marks more than one important department of Limerick's industrial activity. The eminent and oldest-established house, indicated at the head of this sketch, in a special manner exemplifies the high degree of development to which certain of the Limerick firms have attained as the result of close adherence to specific lines of policy, in which enterprise, strict commercial integrity, and undeviating submission to certain soundly defined principles of action have been the chief operating influences. The great house of MESSRS. J. P. EVANS AND Co. dates back in its foundation to the year 1821, when the nucleus of its present enormous success was laid by the gentleman whose name still survives in the trading designation of the firm. Mr. Evans was succeeded by Mr. Journeaux, who controlled affairs until twenty years ago, when Mr. Cleeve, the present sole proprietor, took over the administration of the establishment. The principal premises of the firm are situated in George Street, and comprise one of the largest and most attractive commercial depôts to be met with in the City. The building comprises an elegantly constructed block, possessing a frontage of just one hundred feet, and a similar rearward extension. The façade is rendered especially pleasing and attractive by reason of the exceptionally lofty plate-glass windows, in which are displayed many of the specialities with which the name of the firm is inseparably associated throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom. Entering the magnificently spacious and sumptuously appointed interior, the first department that confronts the visitor is the drug department, which occupies the central position of the emporium. Here will be found an array of specialities the mere enumeration of which would be impossible in these pages, but which have been set forth—greatly to the public advantage—in a delicately printed little catalogue, which the people of Limerick would do well to possess, and occasionally peruse, for the sake of the invaluable medical, hygienic, and general information it contains. In addition to a vastly comprehensive stock of medicinal preparations and patent medicines of the most popular kind, Messrs. J. P. EVANS AND Co. deal in all descriptions of proprietary articles and toilet requisites, and it would indeed be difficult to name a well-known preparation in any of the foregoing departments that has not a place on the shelves or in the warehouse of the firm. Turning our attention for a moment to the left-hand side of the drug

department, we find the paint, oil, colour, and varnish warehouse, stocked to repletion with every variety of goods essential to the art student or decorative artist. To the right of the drug warehouse is a showroom devoted to the display of lamps, and a more varied and chaste selection we have never inspected outside the City of Oxford, which, by common consent, is admitted to be the leading centre for the display of these elegantly designed goods. Passing round by the immense oil stores, whose capacious tanks hold many thousands of gallons, we approach the large and handsome glass-enclosed managerial office, from whence a complete view may be obtained of every portion of the warehouse. We may from this point of view either pass to the rear and inspect the wholesale seed department, which is entered from Sarsfield Street, or, after passing upstairs and inspecting the counting house and Mr. Cleeve's private office, may once more reach our starting point by passing through the retail seed shop, where the fittings and stock may be said to harmonise in elegance and excellence with every other department of the premises we have inspected. We choose the latter

alternative, as we desire to say a few words concerning the agricultural implement and seed warehouse of the firm situate at 48, Thomas Street. This emporium comprises a spacious four-storey building having a twenty-seven feet frontage and a rearward extension of no fewer than one hundred and fifteen feet. The basement

of these premises is used for the storage of all the leading brands of artificial manures. The stocks held on the ground floor and upper portions of the building are of remarkable magnitude and variety; indeed Messrs. J. P. EVANS AND COMPANY have organised a complete emporium of agricultural, horticultural, dairy implements and utensils, and innumerable other specialities which it would be idle to designate and particularise in the brief space left to us. The magnificent warehouse in Shannon Street and Howley's Quay is devoted to the firm's oil, colour, glass, and cement stores, of which vast stocks are held in addition to the goods held at the George Street warehouse already referred to. We might fill many pages with a review of this great mart and of its extraordinarily varied contents, representing a money value of many thousands of pounds; but we can do only scant justice to the establishment, and shall therefore content ourselves with the remark that Messrs. J. P. EVANS AND Co. have drawn together in their several warehouses what is probably the largest and most comprehensive assortment of goods in the several sections referred to to be found





in the United Kingdom. We may add that these goods, selected with care at the very best sources of production, are offered to the public at the lowest prices consistent with their genuine excellence. In conclusion we may remark that, in the various departments of Messrs. J. P. EVANS and Co.'s business, a staff of over 100 hands are employed, and between these and the esteemed principal relations of the most cordial character subsist. Indeed,

Mr. Cleeve enjoys great personal popularity among all who know him, and among the many evidences of his active and prominent life, in connection with the commerce of Limerick, will assuredly be noted the magnificent rank to which his house has attained not merely in the industrial annals of the City, but also in those of the great Empire of which this rising commercial centre forms an integral part.

### HARRISON LEE & SONS,

Millwrights, Engineers, Smiths, Boiler Makers, Brass and Iron Founders, City Foundry, Limerick.

*Telegraphic Address* :—"LEE FOUNDRY, LIMERICK."

AFTER sixty years of continuous and uninterrupted prosperity, the eminent Limerick house of Messrs. HARRISON LEE & SONS possesses every claim to be considered as occupying a place of notable precedence in the branch of productive activity of which the City Foundry constitutes a leading representative in this part of Ireland. As successors of the well-known founder, Mr. Harrison Lee, his two sons—Messrs. Samuel Edward and Richard John Lee—have, by the adoption of modern machinery and accessories in every part of their works, rendered the City Foundry a splendid embodiment of mechanical and operative efficiency. The extent of space devoted to its operations is considerable, and it would be scarcely possible to find at the present time an undertaking which more closely approaches the ideal of modern perfection in resource and technical completeness than that now controlled by MESSRS. HARRISON LEE & SONS.

A large portion of the premises comprises the brass and iron foundry (the latter producing castings up to ten tons in weight); the forge; the engineering section; the turning, fitting, and erecting shops; the boiler makers' shop; the pattern makers' shop; the boiler and engine houses; and the drawing, private, and public offices; all of which are arranged and appointed in the manner best calculated to sustain with precision, and also to accelerate, the whole operations involved in an industry comprehending many different branches of work and yielding an extensive output.

The fine range of machinery comprised is propelled by a first-rate steam service, and, among the more notable appliances here in use, mention may be made of numerous self-acting, screw-cutting lathes; self-acting planing, shaping, slotting, boring, and drilling machines; bolt and tube screwing machines; emery wheels of various kinds; punching and shearing machines; boiler plate bending rolls; sheet iron and tyre bending rolls; band and circular saws; improved blowers for cupolas and forges; large steam hammer; and several powerful cranes capable of dealing with heavy lifts. The visitor to the City Foundry will find many interesting evidences of the past undertakings and present importance of the house in the immense series of patterns with which the pattern lofts are replete, these representing the accumulations of more than half a

century. In the showroom there are presented various illustrations of the class and character as well as the magnitude of the undertakings upon which Messrs. HARRISON LEE & SONS engage. The firm here indicate a splendid capacity of production. There are shown excellent examples of engines which the firm make up to 25-horse power, and of hydraulic presses which they produce up to a capacity representing a working pressure of three tons to the square inch. Both products have attained a wide and satisfactory demand. A fine pair of coupled horizontal engines of an indicated 80-horse power, which the firm supplied to one of the largest bacon-curing establishments in the City, illustrating the adaptability of their manufactures to that branch of local activity, while equipments of hydraulic presses, furnished to the leading tobacco manufactories in Limerick, may be regarded as exemplary of the skill with which this house has endeavoured to provide for the requirements of another local industry not less prosperous or important than that of bacon curing. Both classes of machinery have been brought as near as possible to modern perfection as it is nowadays possible to attain, and it is a matter for congratulation that tobacco manufacturers and bacon curers alike have here close at hand the means of procuring, economically and at all times, machines that are nowhere rivalled by any British or Irish manufacture in respect of precision and finish. As indicated, Messrs. HARRISON LEE & SONS do not confine themselves exclusively to this class of production, but are equally successful in the manufacture of everything which can be expected to fall within their operations as Millwrights, Engineers, Boiler Makers, Smiths, and Brass and Iron Founders. They command the services of a staff of seventy hands, and hold themselves in readiness to carry out and complete the most urgent order with which they could be entrusted. In reference to the personal qualifications of the partners of the house, it need only be added that they are members of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, London, and impart to their entire operations all the results gained from many years' assiduous study of, and practical experience with, the several sections of industrial activity that have become embraced in the work of the large and widely-known concern they now control.

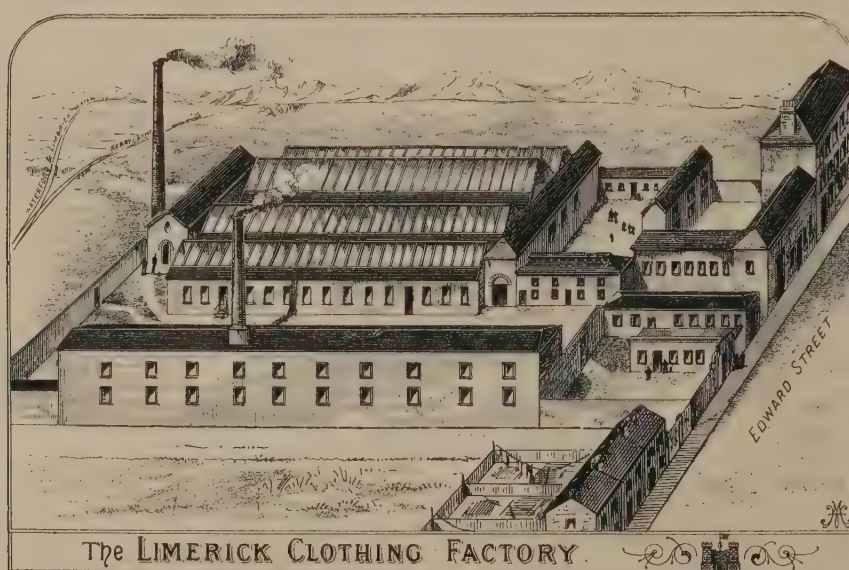
## THE LIMERICK CLOTHING FACTORY, LIMITED.

*Telegraphic Addresses:—“DISPLAYED, LIMERICK;” “DISPLAYED, LONDON.” Telephone No. 45.*

*London Office—VAUXHALL BRIDGE HOUSE, PIMLICO, S.W.*

THIS establishment is justly considered one of the principal sights of this City, and, by the courtesy of the management, is always open for the inspection of visitors. But few, if any, clothing factories in the kingdom equal it in magnitude, while it stands unique as an Irish industry, both as to the area covered by its buildings as well as in the number of operatives employed. The premises, originally built for a militia barracks, were secured by the late Sir Peter Tait upwards of thirty years ago, who, with rare foresight, saw that, as far as the Army was concerned, the days of tailor-made garments was doomed, and that, by a sub-division of labour, immense economies were possible. His munificence justly entitled him to the honour he obtained of three times occupying the office of chief magistrate of

be appreciated after seeing the operation. The pattern, or diagram, is marked on the top layer, and the endless band knives follow the lines and divide the block without the slightest difficulty. From this building we pass into the machine room, of which our illustration (reproduced from a photograph) gives a very inadequate representation, as it has been impossible to give a correct idea of the immense size of the room, which is upwards of 300 feet in length and nearly 100 feet in width, roofed in three bays, and lighted by a continuous skylight in each bay. The floor is occupied by five long tables, extending the whole length of the building, with wide gangways between. Upwards of 200 sewing machines are at work, requiring a small army of several hundreds of attendants as basters,



the City. But few of the original buildings are now in use, as practically the premises have been rebuilt to render them more suitable to the purposes of the business, and will well repay a visit.

The entrance, beneath a noble archway, introduces us to the court containing the offices, a spacious and convenient building. A second archway leads to the premises of the factory proper. The first factory building we enter is over 300 feet long and about 40 feet wide, and is devoted—first to the reception of the raw material; secondly, rooms for packing (by hydraulic power) and trimming the garments; and, finally, the cutting room. This room contains seven powerful steam cutting knives, each capable of cutting 672 pairs of trousers in a day. The facility with which a pile of cloth, from 20 to 80 layers in thickness, can be dissected with absolute precision can only

machinists, button-hole makers, finishers, and pressers. Over 700 operatives are engaged in this one room in the production of military garments only. All the machinery is driven by steam power, and, to minimise the risk of accident, the main shafting is all carried in tunnels beneath the floor. Full attention has been given to ventilation, and, notwithstanding the large number of persons in the room, the air is never offensive.

The engines and boilers occupy a building at one end of this human beehive, while rooms at the other are devoted to pressing and repairing shops. The old tailor's goose is conspicuous by its absence, and is replaced by gas-heated irons worked by a system of levers operated by the foot, giving the maximum of pressure with the minimum of exertion. The engineers' shop is replete with all the modern contrivances for repairing machinery.



Almost the whole of the work done is paid for by piece, and to such an extent is the division of labour carried, that no fewer than 36 different payments are made for the making of certain military garments.

The next room visited is the cap and helmet factory. Here all descriptions of caps and helmets are produced, about fifty persons, male and female, being employed. The wooden blocks upon which the head-dresses are shaped are first covered with a cotton lining, and this, having been smeared with a solution of india-rubber, is covered with layers of cork, also treated with the solution, and the whole well amalgamated by repeated hammering with a wooden mallet. The cloth cover, also coated on the inside with india-rubber, is then drawn over the whole, and, after the helmet has

to the concern. It is now managed by a committee of the hands, under the control of the manager, and any profit derived is returned to the employes by being handed over to the provident fund.

Perhaps the most potentially important department is the last to be visited. This is housed in a long two-storied building, and is devoted to the manufacture of civilian clothing both for the classes and the masses. The ground floor contains a very large and varied stock, both of ready-made clothing and of cloth, suitable to all purses. The manager is doing all in his power to popularize Irish cloth in Ireland, and so far his efforts have met with marked success, this department being patronized alike by peer and peasant. The upper floor of this department is a miniature of the large



been trimmed to shape, bound round the edge with leather, and, its metal ornaments attached, it is ready for issue to the army, police, volunteers, or post office, as the case may be. A separate engine and boiler serve this room with heat and power.

The next department to be visited is devoted to providing those of the operatives, who wish to avail themselves of it, with wholesome food at a minimum cost. This room is capable of seating about 200, and is opened for breakfast, dinner, and tea. Although the hours worked do not necessitate, under the Factory Acts, any allowance of time for meals, except dinner, the operatives are allowed to break their work for the two other meals if they so desire. This refreshment room was begun by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, and has proved an immense boon

room before described, and fitted with steam-power sewing machines and gas pressing irons. Anyone visiting this department must be impressed with the superior sanitary conditions which prevail, as compared with those under which our clothing is usually manufactured in the squalid, unhealthy houses of the operative tailors of the East End of London, or the still more unhealthy workroom of the sweater.

In order to increase the outlet for the goods manufactured by the Company, retail establishments are being acquired in various towns in Ireland, where you can obtain from a suit of ready-made clothing at prices which are really astonishing, or be measured by experienced first-class cutters, and in either case receive the benefit in price of the system of sub-division of labour, which has been brought to such a state of perfection.

While, obviously, the commercial element must take precedence in the mind of the head of such an immense concern as this, the social side is not overlooked. A large room is devoted to, and fitted up for, a theatre and concert room, and is capable of seating some 400 audience. Here, at intervals, dramatic and musical performances are given by the employés themselves to crowded audiences. Other rooms are devoted to reading, games, and recreation. Lastly, the management has set itself to solve the problem of provision for old age and infirmity, which question is now exercising the minds of some of our ablest statesmen. All persons throughout the whole establishment voluntarily subscribe, *pro rata* to their wages, to a benefit fund, and steps are being taken to utilize the capital so obtained in forming and working a co-operative store, the money so used bearing a fixed rate of interest, which, with half the profits of the working of the society, go to form a fund for provision in old age and incapacity. The remaining half, being returned to the purchasers, practically repays the voluntary tax in the wages. Thus everyone employed has a direct inducement to support the store, as well as having a direct interest in the Company, as the surplus capital of the Benefit Fund is invested in the Debentures of the Company. It is

calculated that, with practically no diminution of income, the operatives will themselves provide a sufficient competency at an earlier age than that contemplated in the Government Pension Scheme. A second fund provides a substantial money payment on the death not only of the subscriber, but of any near relative of the subscriber. The aim of the manager is to induce the operatives to carry out all schemes of self-improvement themselves, in which he gives them all the assistance in his power.

The present Company was established under the Limited Liabilities' Acts, in London, and obtained the premises in 1884. The number of persons employed is close upon 1,000, and is by far the largest employment-giving establishment in the City or in the South and West of Ireland. The registered offices of the Company are at Vauxhall Bridge House, Pimlico, London; and the Board, under the chairmanship of G. H. M. Ricketts, Esq., C.B., include Messrs. James F. G. Bannatyne, D.L., T. A. Ferguson, and O. Wallace, J.P., all of the City of Limerick. The managing director is Mr. E. Taylor, of London, who took over the control of the business in Dec., 1889, and who has since that date increased the number employed by one half, and practically reorganised the whole business.

### J. N. RUSSELL & SONS, Corn and Maize Millers, Limerick.

*Telegraphic Address* :—"RUSTLE, LIMERICK."

A VERY prosperous and representative branch of Limerick's trading activity is illustrated in the operations of the firm of Messrs. J. N. RUSSELL & SONS, who control one of the largest undertakings of its kind in Ireland, and in whose hands the Irish milling industries of the past half-century have received enormous and almost exceptional development. This eminent concern was founded in 1810 by Mr. John Norris Russell, who was a large timber merchant and ship-builder previous to the inauguration of these very extensive Corn Mills and Stores, which his successors have so ably forwarded in mercantile importance and noteworthiness. On his death the business was directed by his four sons—Messrs. Francis William Russell, Thompson Russell, Richard Russell, and Arthur Russell—and at the present time it is carried on by his grandsons, Messrs. John Norris and Edmund Russell, the former of whom, especially, has evinced a vigorous interest in its more recent developments. The Koller Mills at Newtown Pery present a most extensive structure, having a lofty elevation of nine stories and a depth of nearly 200 feet. In these mills alone there are about nineteen sets of rollers for flour grinding and fifteen pairs stones for maize, the entire operations being accomplished by machinery of first-rate capabilities propelled by a steam engine of 350 horse power. This work is supplemented by the two well-equipped mills of Lock and Corbally, situated near the City, enabling the firm, with such magnificent resources to maintain at all times facility for regular production equivalent to the pressing

exigencies of the far-spreading trade which the superior merits of their grain supplies have contributed to cultivate. In the course of any single week they control an output of some hundreds of tons of maize, a commodity of which they are the largest grinders in the kingdom, while their stores in connection with the mills are close by the side of the River Shannon, a position tending to facilitate the transport of merchandise both as regards the reception of grain and its constant export to various parts. These stores form a range of buildings nine stories in height, and the magnitude of their supplies is well provided for by additional stores at various parts of the City. The firm occupy a fine suite of offices, and all transactions of the house are under immediate personal direction, the depôts of the business being at the following places:—Askeaton, Bruff, Caherciveen, Castletown, Dingle, Ennis, Gort, Kilrush, Kenmare, Listowel, Nenagh, Newcastle (West), Rathkeale, Tipperary, and Tarbert. It is due to the eminence of the Russell family to add here that they have from time to time occupied and fulfilled with acceptance various public offices and positions in the City. Mr. J. Norris Russell, who is practically at the head of the business, is well known and highly esteemed in this district, where he has evinced much interest in the advancement of its commercial activity, and has become identified creditably with the progress of the great section of Irish commerce that is so well typified in the undertaking which this brief sketch has brought under notice.



## FLAVIN &amp; COMPANY,

Provision Merchants and Italian Warehousemen, 133, George Street, Limerick.

THE thoroughly characteristic and representative branch of the Irish trade, in which the above-named house has gained considerable noteworthiness, is one that has at all times flourished successfully in Limerick, and, during the past fifteen years, Messrs. FLAVIN & COMPANY have elicited a very large proportion of that support which the observance of all the superior phases of high-class provision trade never fails to cultivate. The success of the house is no doubt due also in a great measure to its forming the agency in Limerick for the productions of the celebrated ham and bacon-curing firm of Denny, and it speaks well for the established popularity of those much-demanded commodities that their disposal among large and well-developed connections constitutes a principal feature of the trade transacted by Messrs. FLAVIN & Co. With due regard for the modern methods of shop display, the firm have rendered their establishment one of the most attractive in the City. The conspicuous corner position of the premises and the commanding glass frontage—several windows of which face Sarshfield Street and George Street, leading to the Quay—together with the highly artistic manner in which the various goods are submitted to inspection, enhance the bright and effective appearance of the establishment, to which the aspect of the interior, with its marble and other appointments, appreciably adds. Nothing which could increase the

very inviting appearance of the house as a first-class provision emporium is omitted from its appointment, and many features of attractiveness are observable in each item and department of a stock that literally teems with the most tempting comestibles which regular daily consignment and exceptional private resources can secure.

Besides the various hams, bacon, lard, sausages, and shoulders, there are choice specialties in butter and cheese; also in jams, sauces, and pickles; and in a variety of tinned goods, including salmon, lobster, sardines, beef, and collared meats, all of which bespeak the highest standard of purity and quality. The immense stores adjoining the establishment afford an evidence of the ample resources maintained by the firm in response to the developments of a trade which manifests continuous expansion. The whole operations of the business illustrate the liberal and economical principles upon which it is organized, and, as a highly popular depôt of family supply, the establishment forms a noteworthy example of a concern promoted to serve the public interests, and representing the trade of the provision merchant and Italian warehouseman in a manner acceptable to the large community for whose requirements Messrs. FLAVIN & COMPANY so satisfactorily cater. We would also wish to draw particular attention to their constant supplies of fresh fish daily from Lower Shannon.

WILLIAM NELSON, Family Grocer (The William Street Tea Warehouse),  
61, William Street, Limerick.

FEW establishments in Limerick more efficiently and successfully combine the features of both wholesale and retail trade than the well-known house conducted by Mr. William Nelson, of 61, William Street. As "The William Street Tea Warehouse," it sustains a character for pure and fragrant tea that is by no means of yesterday's origin. It is the accredited centre of a first-class family grocery trade, and retains the favour of influential and steady connections, whose support has been gained by honourable and liberal dealing, and whose favour is still preserved by adherence to that principle. In point of attractiveness the establishment has much to commend it to the notice of the public, appointed as it is in the appropriate modern style, and with that care and taste in external arrangement which tend to render its well-laid-out stock thoroughly inviting. Two large plate-glass windows are made fully available for display, and the great depth of the interior admits of such ample counter accommodation as is necessitated by a constant and busy trade. There are notable evidences of departmental method in the arrangement of groceries on one side and provisions on the other, while the warerooms and stores at the end are similarly arranged, the back portion being lighted from the roof, and the gallery, by which it is surrounded, being

appropriated to the storage of dry goods. In every part of the establishment there are examples of good and careful fitting, and probably the most interesting feature of the house is the manner in which the genuine, fresh condition of all goods is carefully preserved. We have already alluded to the superiority of the proprietor's teas, from which the above title is appropriately derived, and it is only necessary to add that, in every other branch and section of a comprehensive stock, there are embraced home and foreign comestibles, in every degree acceptable to the tastes and needs of the large community for whom Mr. NELSON so well caters. It is beyond the scope of this brief sketch to enumerate the many specialties that have become identified with the progressive trade of this emporium. Customers have at all times the fullest assurance that no inferior goods of any description whatever are kept in stock, and for this reason—apart from Mr. NELSON's judicious tact and enterprise—the house has become a very popular centre of an Italian warehouse trade; and it speaks well for the ability of the principal that, despite all forms of modern competition, it commands a high name and character in local commerce, to the attainment of which its conspicuous position in a leading and busy thoroughfare of the City has to some extent contributed.

**JAMES KIDD, Tea, Coffee, Colonial Produce Merchant, and Family Grocer,  
Nos. 3 and 103, George Street, Limerick; and Church Street, Ennis.**

ONE of the most interesting examples of great commercial progress based upon high character and long establishment is afforded by a review of the business traditions and transactions of the eminent house named at the head of this sketch. During the whole of its twenty years of establishment the concern has manifested steady and systematic signs of development, the accumulations of which find ample scope within the large and excellently appointed establishments where the trade of the house is now concentrated. In the magnificent premises situate at 103, George Street, there are many impressions of the suitability and convenience afforded, and the large warehouse accommodation at the rear offers unexampled facilities for the preservation of a most extensive and valuable stock. Emboldened by such successes, and desirous of affording further outlet for the continuous development and extension of his trade, Mr. JAMES KIDD opened a branch establishment at No. 3 in the same street for the further development of the family grocery trade. The latter is now probably equivalent in importance to that of the principal concern. The entire enterprise has been splendidly organised, and the undoubtedly genuine value which Mr. KIDD's first-rate business methods and commercial influence can readily secure have raised the concern to a rank of distinct local pre-eminence. In groceries and provisions the stock held may be described as thoroughly representative of the produce of the best home and colonial markets. Mr. KIDD makes a speciality of teas, and in this department he at all times endeavours to excel in quality as well as being moderate in price. His aim has been to select teas which have real merits in the cup, and to his credit, be it said, that he makes no secret of his refusal to blend

with scented teas, such as capers, etc., which are at once "cheap and nasty," but prefers to deal in high-class genuine teas possessing flavours natural to themselves, and which give off that fragrance in the cup which no mixture of flavourless Congous and artificially scented teas can command. Particular attention is devoted to the management of the coffee department. Care and judgment are exercised in the selection of the various qualities, which are the choicest and best procurable; they are roasted to perfection and ground on the premises, the greatest care being taken to fully develop the strength and aroma. The superiority of his general grocery goods, jams, and jellies, and the liberality of the prices have already secured connections of great value; and it is a natural outcome of such care that the ramifications of the business cover a wide area. An exemplification of this is afforded by a further extension of Mr. KIDD's already large field of operations to Ennis, where he has recently opened a splendid branch establishment in Church Street, and which, conducted on similarly efficient lines to that above described, gives every indication of gratifying future development. Large consignments of goods are sent to all parts of the surrounding counties, and the entire business has been established in a position of commercial distinction and importance only attainable by the foresight and unrelaxed enterprise that continue to be brought to bear upon its organisation and management. A perfect system of speedy and regular delivery and distribution is effected by means of the proprietor's own vans, and to the credit of Mr. KIDD we need only add that his business, in all its details, has attained a position of prosperity beyond reach of the competitive aspects of any modern stores or other trading corporations.

**J. LAIRD & CO., Pharmaceutical Chemists and Druggists, 118, George Street, Limerick.**

THE influential house indicated at the head of this brief notice dates back in its foundation to the year 1833, when it was founded by Mr. Macadam, to whom Mr. J. Laird, L.P.S.I., succeeded some thirty years ago. The spacious and handsome shop, known as the "Medical Hall," has an exceptionally fine plate-glass frontage, the massive and lofty window being well and tastefully dressed. The interior is fitted up in a very superior style with elegant, yet substantial, counters, show cases, and other appropriate appointments. The various departments are replete with a large and comprehensive stock of goods, which includes a most extensive assortment of drugs and chemicals of well-attested quality and purity, all the best known patent medicines and proprietary articles, a valuable stock of surgical instruments and appliances, sick-room and hospital requirements, sanitary preparations, deodorizers and disinfectants, a very choice selection of perfumes, fancy soaps, sponges, ivory and tortoise-shell

hair brushes, combs, and toilet requisites of every description. The whole of the stock is of exceptional quality, no inferior ingredient finding a place on the shelves of the establishment. Dispensing of medicines forms a special feature of the business. Physicians' prescriptions are accurately compounded, only the most experienced assistants taking part in this highly onerous department of the profession. For the convenience of patrons the firm keep on duty, at all hours, a duly qualified assistant in view of every emergency and for the preparation of medicines. A branch of business in which Messrs. J. LAIRD and Co. largely engage is the preparation of medicines specially adapted to cattle. Those who have used in their stables "Laird's Golden Blister" and "White Oil Blister" speak of both preparations in unqualified language of praise; and the very extensive demand that exists for these and kindred preparations indicates a wide public appreciation, and denotes the extreme efficacy of the medicines in question. The business in every department receives



the direct personal attention of the proprietor, and is conducted throughout with marked ability, energy, and enterprise, no effort being spared to meet the convenience of customers in the prompt and accurate execution of orders. As an evidence of the firm's enterprise, we may note that in the matter of prices Messrs. LAIRD AND COMPANY fully realize the truth of the Latin expression, "*Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis.*" Well, we have only congratulations in these days for the business house that, after fifty years of successful operation, realises the fact that we change with the

changing times, and that has the courage to boldly enter into the spirit of modern competition with a full determination to maintain its prestige as the fittest to commercially survive. We conclude this review of an interesting establishment with the remark that Mr. J. Laird is well known and highly respected in Limerick, and his long professional and practical experience and genial courtesy secure for his house the confidence and support of a very extensive and influential patronage. Telephone connected with all the leading merchants in the City.

### DAVID BEGLEY,

Wholesale Grocer; Tea, Wine, and Brandy Importer; Spirit and General Merchant.

Office and Retail Warehouse:—36, William Street.

Wine Vaults:—1 and 2, High Street. Wholesale Stores:—28, High Street.

Bonded Warehouse:—Mardyke, Limerick.

THE enterprising spirit and business capacity so long characteristic of the mercantile community of Limerick have been eminently displayed by Mr. BEGLEY since assuming control of the business carried on at the above addresses. He became proprietor in 1869, previous to which Mr. BEGLEY was for ten years carrying on business in Wickham Street, and, owing to the extension of business there, necessitated his removal to the present more commodious premises; but the enterprise is of much older date, having been carried on, in fact, from the year 1814. The William Street premises have a good frontage and a large rear extension. One side of the shop is devoted to office purposes, and the other to the grocery and general domestic supply trade. To the rear is a retail spirit department, grocery stores, tea-blending room, and dry goods stores for the general and wholesale trade, and below are the cellars and bottling stores. The house does a first-class order and family trade and a wholesale business,

attended to by two travellers, extending throughout Munster and Connaught. The chief departments are those dealing with teas, which are under the personal superintendence of Mr. BEGLEY, and deal mainly with fine China teas, coffees, cocoas, sugars, confections, W. and R. Jacob & Co.'s and other biscuits, chandlery, spices, jams, jellies and tinned goods, sundries, J. J. and Son's and other whiskies, wines in wood and bottle, brandies, rum, gin, &c., and cordials. All the brandies and wines are imported in cask as far as possible and bottled on the premises. The business is well organised, and has largely extended under Mr. BEGLEY's enterprising and judicious management. Aiming at supplying the best of everything at the lowest possible prices, he has succeeded in winning, in both the retail and wholesale departments, a wide and valuable support. As a thorough business man he is highly esteemed in Limerick, and holds an influential place in trade and business circles.

### GEORGE McKERN & SONS,

Printers, Commercial Stationers, and Account Book Manufacturers,

113, George Street, Limerick.

THIS representative business was founded so long ago as 1807 (and we might state is the oldest in Munster) by Mr. George McKern, was carried on by him, and afterwards by his sons, for many years, and is now the property of the founder's granddaughter and grandson. The firm's premises are well suited to the trade, and comprise a spacious and handsome shop, extensive storerooms, and a fully-equipped executive department. The stock displayed is of a high order, and embraces all kinds of plain and fancy private stationery, commercial stationery, and the numerous incidentals of the trade. The printing works are situated underneath the premises, and extend to the side and rear; the

bookbinding departments are on the second floor, and afford employment to a large and expert staff. The printing house is replete with the best machines, type, and other appliances, and undertakes every class of work. In the higher grade of letterpress, we notice that the firm has printed and published several volumes; *inter alia*, Fitzgerald and McGregor's "History of Limerick," 1827; "Limerick and its Seres" (Dowd); Meredyth's "Historic and Descriptive Guide to St. Mary's Cathedral;" Will's poem, "Kilkee;" and H. B. H.'s "Holiday Haunts on the West Coast of Clare." Under its present management, we are sure its commercial interests and high reputation are certain to be steadily advanced.

**McMAHON, DAY, & CO., The Medical Hall, 136, George Street, Limerick.***Chemists to the Queen by Special Appointment.*

THE MEDICAL HALL of Limerick, occupying one of the most favourable and conspicuous positions in that City's leading thoroughfare, and controlled under the firm title of Messrs. McMAHON, DAY, AND Co., is a long-recognized leader of pharmacy trade in that district, and commands the distinction due to its lengthy and uninterrupted existence of more than a century. From its foundation by Mr. McMahon down to the present time, its management and proprietary have been retained in the hands of the one family, and it has been conducted on eminently respectable principles, from which there has never been any deflection. With due regard to the requirements of modern business display, the firm have from time to time adopted every artistic improvement tending to render their house conformable with the distinctly high-class trade of which it is the centre, and, externally as well as internally, it presents many attractive characteristics highly creditable to the liberal, artistic taste of the principals. The three-storey elevation has afforded ample scope for decorative enrichment, and, besides the several armorial and other designs that are carved thereon, the appearance of the Royal escutcheon imparts considerable dignity to the establishment, and appropriately emphasizes the firm's special appointment as Chemists to the Queen. The plate-glass windows are models of beautiful fitting, as the interior is exemplary of methodical arrangement. The appointments are principally of rich mahogany elaborately carved, while the

counters, show cases, and other details of furnishing are all in accordance with the prevailing aspect of refinement; and the appearance of the house is appreciably enhanced by a tessellated floor rich in colour and pattern, upon which various items of statuary on pedestals are neatly and tastefully disposed. To prevent interruption or irregularity, and to ensure the especial care of the principals, the compounding department is placed at the far end, and this arrangement is found thoroughly favourable towards maintaining the accurate preparation of prescriptions, a branch of responsible work which the firm have long taken under their special charge, and have at no time committed to inexperienced assistants.

In all other respects, the Medical Hall evidences a resource commensurate with the needs of the urgent and always-growing trade with which it continues to be favoured. In surgical appliances, chemicals, drugs, patent medicines, proprietary articles, and toilet requisites the firm hold exhaustive supplies of every specific, the worth and merit of which public appreciation and medical testimony have alike tended to endorse; and they support a character for the supply of medicines in whose purity and efficacy the utmost reliance may be placed. They illustrate the modern drug trade on a very sound and capable basis, and receive the unreserved patronage of a city and suburban *clientèle*, whose support is founded on the liberality and attentiveness of the firm and the eminent *prestige* which years of honourable trading have meritoriously earned.

**P. McCARTHY & SONS,****Cabinet Makers, Upholsterers, and General House Furnishers, 38 and 39, George Street, Limerick.**

ONE of the leading houses engaged in this department of commercial activity in Limerick is the old-established firm of Messrs. P. McCARTHY AND SONS, cabinet makers, upholsterers, and general furnishers, whose fine emporium at 38 and 39, George Street, will well repay a visit of inspection from our readers. The business was originally established upwards of sixty years ago by Mr. Peter McCarthy, who continued the trade for an extended period, and was subsequently joined in the proprietary by his two sons, of whom Mr. Stephen McCarthy is now the sole representative. The premises occupied by the firm in George Street form one of the most attractive features of that thoroughfare, comprising handsome and commanding establishment, with imposing front elevation four stories high, and large plate-glass windows, displaying, with effective taste, a splendid selection of artistic and elegant designs in cabinet work, tapestries, and art furnishings. The interior forms a magnificent showroom, 150 feet deep by a width of 40 feet, which is utilised for a high-class exhibition of costly cabinets, sideboards, mirrors; dining

and drawing-room, hall, and library furniture in the newest designs and of finished workmanship; every description of art hangings and other decorative materials; choice carpets, rugs, and mats; and a comprehensive assortment of furnishing requisites in great variety. The upper floors are also devoted to the display of large quantities of bedroom suites and for the purpose of stock rooms, warehouse, etc., the whole of this portion of the premises being used for the business. In connection with the establishment are extensive cabinet works, in which a large number of skilled artisans are employed in the various manufacturing departments. The firm has also large showrooms and stores in Cecil Street, in which is stocked a well-selected assortment of the best secondhand furniture of every description. A very extensive business is done by the firm, whose ample resources enable them to fulfil orders of any magnitude, from the equipment of the artisan's cottage to the furnishing of a nobleman's mansion on the shortest notice; and, in addition, Messrs. McCARTHY also enjoy a widespread connection as undertakers, auctioneers, and valuers in Limerick and the surrounding districts.



**H. L. STEWART, Manufacturing Jeweller, Watchmaker, and Optician,**  
104, George Street, Limerick.

ONE of the most attractive establishments in George Street, Limerick's most fashionable business thoroughfare, is that of Mr. H. L. STEWART, the high-class Art Goldsmith, Jeweller, Silversmith, and Watchmaker, the business having been established by the father of the present proprietor about a quarter of a century ago. The premises occupied by Mr. STEWART comprise a splendid shop with spacious frontage, the plate-glass window affording every accommodation for the attractive display of the magnificent stock. This consists of ladies' and gentlemen's gold and silver watches, and an elegant assortment of silver and electroplated goods, including a variety of waiters, trays, fish knives and forks, dessert knives, lock-up spirit frames, salad bowls, revolving cover dishes, fish carvers, saltcellars, cruet frames, toast racks, *entrée* dishes, kettles and stands of the newest patterns, both quite plain and splendidly chased, engraved, and embossed. There is also a large stock of jewellery of artistic design and superior workmanship, comprising brooches, bracelets, chains, diamond crescents and stars for the hair; dress and other rings composed of pearls, rubies, emeralds, opals, sapphires, diamonds, and other gems. The interior of

the establishment is fitted with appointments of a superior description, and the goods are arranged for inspection with conspicuous taste and judgment. A much-appreciated speciality of the house is the large selection of novelties in *bijouterie*, and the constant succession of the same. Articles specially suited for wedding, christening, and birthday gifts, as well as presentation and prize plate, form an attractive feature of the stock, careful attention being devoted by the principal to this branch of the business. The repairing department supplies another important detail, skilled and competent workmen being retained for the execution of repairs to watches, chronometers, plate, and jewellery, and the re-arranging and re-mounting of gem ornaments of every description. The connection of the house includes the leading families of the City and county, as well as many of the aristocracy of other parts of Ireland, and the courtesy and attention of the principal, who personally superintends the establishment, has been recognised by a satisfactory and ever-increasing amount of popular and well-deserved support. We may add that Mr. STEWART also successfully controls a branch business at Church Street, Ennis.

**ROBERT HANNA,**

**Tea Dealer and General Family Grocer, Manufacturing Confectioner,**  
121, George Street, Limerick.

A WORK and business of some considerable importance among the representative concerns of Limerick has been conducted since 1868 by Mr. ROBERT HANNA, who successfully combines the operations of a manufacturing confectioner with all the dealings of a high-class Grocer and Tea and Fruit Importer. During twenty-three years of active and progressive business, Mr. HANNA has brought to bear thereon everything which the introduction of a sound plant and the extension of his resources could secure towards promoting the interests of the large and influential family *clientèle* for whose requirements he purveys. The establishment itself is a fine commanding feature of the George Street thoroughfare, in which it occupies a very favourable position, and presents thereto a large plate-glass frontage. The interior is well appointed, the counters extending over a considerable depth, and the shop, warehouse, and accessories are all upon one level, thus accelerating the routine of a busy trade, and enabling the proprietor to obtain an immediate oversight of the various departments. The whole premises present an exceptional length of about 300 feet, and are proportionately broad, the sugar-boiling or sweet factory at the rear affording an interesting example of the completeness with which this self-contained industry has been organized apart from the general business.

All the usual appliances are fully represented in operation, and with the aid of a staff of practical confectioners, thoroughly experienced in every branch of the trade, Mr. HANNA maintains a constant output of superior sweets, the various kinds of which have already attained popularity.

The grocery department of the business is presented on a very attractive scale, and there are show cases for the proper display of all the better-class dainties and domestic specialties comprised within the proprietor's large and embracing stock. Everything requisite for better-class tables is fully represented, and particular reference may be made to the extensive supplies of English and foreign fruits regularly imported by the proprietor, and including large consignments of apples from the leading orchards at home and abroad. Such an establishment as Mr. HANNA's may be regarded as in every degree acceptable to the ideals of a good family grocery emporium where goods of noted freshness and purity are always obtainable, and for this reason requires no form of written endorsement. The liberal and satisfactory terms of dealing observed have at all times formed a marked feature of the establishment, and, as one of the thoroughly representative centres of trade in this City, it owes its commercial distinction entirely to the gentleman who has guided its affairs from the very outset.

## O'DEA'S PROVISION STORES, 43, George Street, and Cecil Street, Limerick.

SOME two years ago Mr. O'DEA opened this fine provision stores, and the success he has achieved has more than fulfilled his expectations. It may be taken for granted that, when any branch of the supply trade is specialized, the public will be the gainers, and the above establishment fully illustrates the axiom. The warehouse is splendidly fitted, in the latest metropolitan style, with marble counters, tiled walls, tessellated floors, and the neatest of appointments. One side is devoted to such comestibles as jams, pickles, spicery, sauces, tinned and preserved goods; and the other to hams,

bacon, eggs, tripe, Cork drisheen, etc. We noticed *inter alia* Shaw's and Lunham's famous hams and bacon; splendid creamery butter; home and foreign cheese; fresh sausages and pork. To the rear and in the basement are extensive stores, the general equipment of the business speaking plainly the spirit of the management. Mr. O'DEA personally supervises the whole, and shows a courtesy and prompt attention to his customers that might advantageously be imitated in many quarters. We need hardly add that the trade of the house is still rapidly extending.

## JAMES FLYNN, Cruise's Hotel, Limerick.

It seldom falls to the happy lot of the industrial historian to be called upon to write the interesting annals of a commercial institution, possessing a history the outlines of which are so carefully recorded in strict chronological sequence, as has the famous hostelry in the City of Limerick known at the present day by the title of "Cruise's Royal Hotel." This famous house of entertainment dates back over a period of exactly a century, and as we write these lines, the Hotel proprietary and patrons may be celebrating—as they are certainly entitled to—the first centenary of a house that has held a well-earned fame through many a trying year of Irish national upheaval; and to-day it stands as a striking testimony to the splendid commercial results that are attainable by well-directed business effort—results which make themselves as apparent in the administration of a Hotel as in the more complicated operations of the largest factory. The founder of the Hotel was Mr. Bourne, who for a period of twenty-one years very capably conducted the business. In the year 1812, the establishment—then known as the "Royal Mail Coach Hotel"—passed into the hands of Mrs. Moriarty, who carried on the business for a further period of twenty years. At this time, the "Royal Mail Coach Hotel" had acquired a very high reputation as a coaching establishment, an old steel-plate engraving being still extant which represents the coach entrance gate as occupying the present site of the fine portico by which admittance is gained to the modern hostelry. Succeeding Mrs. Moriarty in the proprietorship, Mr. Cruise held the Hotel for a period of thirty years, and during this gentleman's administration it may be said that the nucleus of the *prestige* enjoyed at the present time was laid. Mr. Cruise, by an energetic and painstaking management, raised the tone and character of the house to a high point of eminence, and visitors to Limerick from all parts of Great Britain and the United States of America found their comforts so satisfactorily catered for, that the ancient designation of the house seems to have paled in the public memory before the more complimentary title generally bestowed upon the establishment by those who had enjoyed the privilege of sojourn under its hospitable roof. And so the "Royal Mail Coach" as a title gave place to "Cruise's," a name which the present proprietor has wisely continued. Mr. Cleary was the next occupier, and this gentleman

controlled the establishment down to the year 1883, when the Hotel passed into the hands of Mr. JAMES FLYNN, who, since his assumption of the control, has not only greatly extended the premises by important additions and enlargements, but has enhanced the value of the connection, by his able and judicious administration, to a degree that places this establishment in the forefront rank of first-rate Irish family and commercial hotels. "Cruise's Hotel" is advantageously situated; indeed, in this respect, it has no rival in the City. From each window a panoramic view of great interest is obtainable, prominent features in the landscape being the Clare Mountains in the distance, and, nearer at hand, Thomond Bridge and the beautifully-turreted Castle of King John. The Hotel is a large and handsome building of pleasing appearance, and contains a spacious entrance hall, large dining-rooms, drawing-rooms, a number of private sitting-rooms, commercial room, and no fewer than one hundred and fifty bedrooms. The Hotel also contains several bathrooms, billiard-room, reading and smoking-room, spacious kitchens, the usual domestic offices, and all the accessories of a large and thoroughly organised establishment. The house throughout is furnished in a superior style, the attendance upon visitors being accelerated by the recent addition of a complete service of electric bells. A marked and impressive feature is the perfect order and cleanliness of the entire establishment, while the comfort of visitors is enhanced by the ready and polite attention of a large and efficient staff of servants. The Hotel is very ably conducted by Mr. FLYNN, who possesses the advantage of thorough experience, derived from his connection as steward with several first-class clubs, and he spares no effort to ensure the comfort of his guests. Both the excellence of the *cuisine* and the superior character of the wines and spirits contribute, in association with the very moderate scale of charges adopted, to render Cruise's Hotel a most desirable place of sojourn, either for a long or short period. In concluding this brief review, we must not omit to mention that Mr. FLYNN is at present engaged in endeavouring to again give facilities to the increased travelling public by placing on the Upper Shannon a well-appointed steamer, to enable visitors to Limerick to visit the magnificent scenery on this beautiful, but hitherto much-neglected, route.



**GOODWIN & CO., Glass, China, and Lamp Merchants,  
64 and 65, William Street, Limerick.**

DATING back in its foundation to the year 1838, this fine old business was established by Mr. Robert Goodwin, uncle of the gentleman who at the present time controls the destiny of the house. The premises occupied by Messrs. GOODWIN AND Co. comprise a magnificent five-storey warehouse having a frontage of 60ft. and lofty plate-glass windows, in which are displayed to exceptional advantage the exquisite goods of the house. The interior is fitted up in a very superior style, and well arranged for the display of the large and varied stock. The premises also contain extensive storage accommodation, together with wholesale packing and storage department, offices, and every convenience for the effective working of an immense business. The stock comprises a magnificent assortment of china; dinner, breakfast, tea, and dessert services in Wedgwood, Doulton, Worcester, Crown Derby, and other ware; and a great variety of toilet and chamber services. The display of glassware includes a choice selection of cut glass decanters, wines, tumblers, salts,

flower stands, centre pieces, etc. Amongst the ornamental articles are some rare and costly examples of Royal Vienna, Dresden, Hanoverian, Sèvres, Hungarian, Capo di Monti, and other classical art potteries, representing every conceivable variety of design, with exquisitely painted panels by the most renowned artists; also vases of colossal, medium, and bijou proportions very beautifully painted and decorated; superb plaques, *déjeuners* in elegantly lined *etuis*, dessert and coffee services; besides an infinity of figures, candelabra, mirrors, brackets, groups, and other *objets d'art*. The trade of the firm, both in the wholesale and retail departments, is of a widespread and steadily increasing character, and a very brisk business is done over a large district. Mr. Goodwin, the principal of the concern, possesses the advantage of long and thorough experience. He is well known and highly respected in Limerick, and by his spirited enterprise has secured and retained his valuable and ever-augmenting connection.

**WILLIAM LLOYD,**

**Wine Merchant and Grocer, 106, George Street, and Cecil Street, Limerick.**

THIS old-established and celebrated house was founded over thirty years ago by Mr. W. LLOYD as a high-class grocery store. By his able and energetic management, and by his straightforward methods of dealing, the founder soon brought the business into creditable prominence, and it has since maintained a place of distinction among the leading concerns of its kind in the City. Mr. LLOYD occupies at 106, George Street, fine, handsome premises, having a corner situation and an exceptionally prominent double frontage. The shop has an immense rearward extension with separate goods entrance in Cecil Street. The interior is spacious and perfectly appointed, all the fittings being of a very superior character; and the departments for groceries having an ample counter space, the entire fixtures may well be described as exceedingly convenient. Every facility is afforded for the holding of very large and comprehensive stocks, which may be stored and kept in a superior condition in the fine warehouse of the establishment. Indeed, we have seldom had the pleasure of inspecting a more carefully planned, more commodious, or more effectively organised grocery stores. Mr. LLOYD supplies every description of family groceries, including many choice specialties in teas, coffees, etc., and he keeps splendid stocks of Italian warehousemen's sundries, all carefully selected from the best sources. In all its branches the business is of a distinctly first-class character, every item, either of grocery or Italian goods, being invariably of the choicest quality, and the patronage of the house is drawn almost exclusively from the best families in town and country.

Mr. LLOYD also controls a separate and distinct

business in the old-established house of Peter O'Brien, founded nearly a century and a half ago as a wine and spirit emporium. The premises are commodious and replete with a stock including the most renowned brands of wines and distillations of Irish, Scotch, and Continental spirits to be met with in Limerick. The comprehensive wine list issued by Mr. LLOYD evidences the possession of stock that could not fail to excite the enthusiasm of the true *connoisseur*, including as it does in sherries:—Montilla, Manzanilla, Amontillado, Vino de Pasto, Oloroso, Romano, Amoroso, and finest old brown. In ports all the leading shipments are represented, including some very superior old, dry, Cockburn's; also a selection of finest old port bearing Sandeman's *imprimatur* as an adequate guarantee of excellence. The clarets held by Mr. LLOYD include Medoc, St. Julian Chateaux Listrac, Citran, Palmer, Lagrange, Larose, Leoville, Lafite, Latour, and Mouton. There are also some magnificent vintages of still hocks, Carlowitz, Madeira, Moselle, and Burgundy; while the brands of sparkling champagne include—"Ayala dry;" Giesler's; Heidsieck's Dry Monopole; Perrier, Jouet, et Cie; Ruinart Père et Fils; Moët and Chandon; G. H. Mumm & Co.; Pommery and Greno; and Ackerman Lawrence. We need hardly say that, with such a stock as we have indicated, the patronage enjoyed by Mr. LLOYD in the wine and spirit department of his business is of the most influential and aristocratic character.

Mr. LLOYD devotes his personal attention to all the affairs of the business, and directs the operations of both establishments in a manner which indicates his possession of both the ability and resolution to fully maintain the prestige and repute of one of Limerick's most thoroughly representative mercantile interests.

**Z. M. LEDGER & SON, Booksellers and Stationers,**

27, George Street, Limerick.

NOT by any means the least of Limerick's many attractions to visitors are found in her splendid array of business establishments, many of them of the highest class; and among these select "temples of trade" there are some whose peculiar characteristics render them interesting in a special and irresistible degree to artistic and cultured minds. To this class belongs the book and stationery house of Messrs. Z. M. LEDGER & SON, situate, as everybody knows, at 27, George Street. The business carried on here was founded as far back as the year 1821, its founder being Mr. Z. M. Ledger, the father of the present head of the concern. The handsome window affords ample facilities for the display of suitable exemplifications of the exhaustive stocks held, and constitutes a landmark for a large circle of the *élite* of Limerick, who for promenading purpose find George Street a desirable business rendezvous. The interior of the premises is devoted to the accommodation of a splendid stock of new books by all the standard authors past and present; and this stock is doubtless one of the largest and most select in this part of the kingdom. During the past few years Messrs. Z. M. LEDGER AND

SON have been very generally recognised as the leading firm of Limerick booksellers, being patronised in this branch of their comprehensive business by the most aristocratic among the resident and visiting population of the City; and a ramble through the beautifully appointed premises furnishes us with tangible evidence that amply justifies this eminent reputation. The roof-lit showroom at the rear of the sale shop is most elegantly and artistically appointed, and is arranged for the exhibition of a superb collection of fancy goods of the highest class. A very large stock of commercial and general stationery is held, including all the requisites of the country house, the private study, the college, and the school. The business administration is all that could be desired, the affairs being entirely under the personal supervision of the principal. The success which the house has achieved in modern times is not merely well deserved, but is the practical outcome of the high favour and unreserved confidence in which Mr. Z. J. Ledger, the principal, is held by the wide and influential circle of patrons who give their continued and valuable support to this carefully conducted establishment.

**J. & G. BOYD, LIMITED, Wholesale Druggists;**

Seed and Implement Merchants; Tea and Fruit Importers; and Manufacturing Confectioners;

11 and 12, William Street, Limerick.

THE vendors of such an array of important commodities as are indicated in the above-mentioned heading to a necessarily brief business review must, for obvious reasons, receive a distinguished place among the industrial institutions of the City of Limerick; and, in giving an account of the rise, development, and present commercial position of the house of Messrs. J. AND G. BOYD, LIMITED, we lay before our readers a striking illustration of what can be achieved in the domain of Irish industrial advancement by sound business methods, indomitable perseverance, and application well directed to a desired end. This eminent concern was established in the year 1848 by Messrs. JAMES AND GEORGE BOYD, the former of whom died in 1884, to the intense regret of every citizen of Limerick.

The concern, although originated under comparatively humble circumstances, has, from its earliest inception, experienced an unrelenting expansion, until it has now blossomed into one of those mammoth enterprises the very description of which, in anything approaching to detail, baffles the skill of the most experienced reviewer, and necessitates literary compression even where every fact and feature connected with the house is full of absorbing interest. The magnificent premises occupied by BOYD'S, LIMITED,

comprise a large block of buildings in William Street, having an elevation of five stories to the front, and connected by passages to large three-storey building at rear in Denmark Street. The ground floor forms a commodious sale shop, splendidly arranged and heavily stocked with a large variety of the goods in which the Company deal. Roughly estimated, these include teas, coffees, groceries, Italian goods, spices, fruits; tobaccos, perfumery, and toilet requisites; drugs and patent medicines; oils and colours; lamps, stationery, seeds, cements; garden and agricultural implements; wire and steel fencing and dairy appliances; and utensils of every description. Entering two porticoes by the spacious right portico from the street, the visitor reaches the drug and oil retail department. Here will be found a stock embracing every description of druggists' requisites, patent medicines, dye stuffs; chandlery, colours, varnishes, oils; brushes and decorative tools; and appliances of every imaginable kind.

Opposite this department, and fitted up in every respect with equal appropriateness, is the seed department, indicated by a fine window display, in which a wealth of ferns, grasses, and other vegetable products vie with a magnificent array of artificial wreaths and goods of a kindred nature. And the mention of the



Company's seed trade affords us an opportunity of animadverting upon the too frequent practice of importing seeds from England and Scotland that could be procured by farmers and gardeners both better and cheaper from such local seed merchants as Messrs. J. AND G. BOYD, LIMITED, whose vast purchasing powers enable them to enter the markets of the world and purchase at the lowest terms for cash.

The tea, grocery, and Italian goods departments next invite attention. Here the equipment and appointments are all that could be desired, and, in the rooms utilized for the blending of teas, the Company possess the most efficient and improved apparatus known to the trade. Tea blending is carried on by a specially competent and experienced staff with great care and the most satisfactory results. In the Italian goods departments will be found all the usual items of a high-class emporium, a large trade being effected in these delicacies and comestibles.

The agricultural implements constitute an important feature in Messrs. Boyd's business, every class of appliance being fully exemplified in the showrooms devoted to this department. The stock of oils held by the Company is probably the largest to be met with in

the South of Ireland. As manufacturing confectioners, too, an immense trade is carried on, the confectionery works at rear of the building being constantly in full operation.

The space at our disposal is too limited to admit of a full description of the various departments, but we are compelled to admit that it has seldom been our good fortune to inspect an establishment so perfectly organised in every detail, and so effectively administered by the capable presiding executive. A vast business is carried on by the Company, its connections extending over nearly every part of the kingdom. The directorate is composed of gentlemen possessing undoubted business qualifications; the chairman of the Company is George Boyd, Esq.; Messrs. P. B. Robinson and W. Christy are directors; while the managing director is Wm. Holliday, Esq., a gentleman who entered the establishment a quarter of a century ago as an apprentice. To the untiring energy of these two gentlemen, and to the constant personal supervision exercised over each and every department of the business, may be attributed the present magnitude and standing of a house which, if we mistake not, has yet to reach the zenith of its fame and prosperity.

## MICHAEL EGAN,

Wine and Spirit Merchant, 9, 10, and 11, Patrick Street, and Ellen Street, Limerick;  
and 62 and 63, Great Tower Street, London.

THE spirit and enterprise so characteristic of the large wholesale houses of Limerick are admirably exemplified in the large and influential business which, for a period of thirty-five years, has been conducted by Mr. MICHAEL EGAN as a Wine and Spirit Merchant. This largest and certainly handsomest commercial edifice in the town has been specially built to meet Mr. EGAN's business requirements, and they constitute one of the most complete and extensive wholesale grocery and wine and spirit warehouses in the kingdom. Apart from the magnificent ground floor and upper storeys, the cellarage must be pronounced of unsurpassed excellence of construction and convenience of arrangement. The warehouse is heavily stored with groceries and provisions of all kinds, including teas of the finest growths, of which large stocks are held, the accommodation for this class of goods being of the very best kind. The handsome offices are on the ground floor, while a magnificent staircase conducts to the upper floors, which are utilized for the general storage of the smaller classes of grocery goods, and which are admirably arranged in separate departments. Here will be found all the innumerable articles that enter into the requirements of the grocery

and purveying trades. Superior quality is Mr. EGAN's first consideration in all these goods, and the house enjoys a splendid reputation for the reliable quality of its various articles. The stocks of wines, spirits, ales, stouts, and mineral waters, both as regards magnitude and excellence of quality, are quite unrivalled in Limerick, this department of commerce constituting an exceptionally important element in the business operations of the house. Taken as a whole, Mr. EGAN's establishment is one of the most complete of its kind we have ever visited, and all the modern conveniences of a great wholesale and retail grocery, purveying, and wine trade are here supplied to assist the progress of the business and facilitate the rapid execution of the largest orders with the utmost precision. We need hardly say that a trade of great magnitude is controlled, the connection extending over a considerable portion of the South of Ireland. All the affairs of the business receive the direct personal supervision of the proprietor, whose energy, judgment, and profound knowledge of the several trades engaged in tend to the continuous extension of the immense commercial operations controlled, which have necessitated their opening a more central office in Great Tower Street, London.

**P. D. BOURKE & CO., Wholesale Warehousemen, Limerick.**

It would be difficult to indicate in the annals of Irish commercial enterprise a more striking example of successful and well-established business operations than those which have distinguished the lengthened and prosperous career of the old and well-known house of Messrs. P. D. BOURKE & Co., Wholesale Warehousemen, whose connections with the trading interests of Limerick extends back to the commencement of the present century. The history of the firm dates its origin in the year 1809 to a Mrs. McArdle, by whom the business was established in a house standing upon old Baals' Bridge, and was continued there until the

developed the scope of the business by adding new departments and cultivating the wholesale trade. This policy he successfully continued until his early death in 1857 at the age of 42; and subsequently it was persevered in with wonderful energy and ability by the late Mrs. P. D. Bourke, who succeeded to the control at her husband's demise. From that time until now the business has been still further extended, and, in consequence of its steady expansion, Mrs. Bourke in 1865 removed to more central premises on the site of the splendid warehouse which now forms the firm's establishment. From 1857 to the time of her death in



demolition of that ancient structure, when it was removed to 3, Rutland Street. At this address the late Mr. Patrick D. Bourke served his apprenticeship to the son of the above-named lady (Mr. Philip McArdle), and, by diligence and business aptitude, attained successively to the positions of manager and partner, the title assumed by the firm being "McArdle & Bourke." Finally, upon the death of the senior partner about forty years ago, Mr. Bourke became sole proprietor, adopting the title which has since been associated with the house. This gentleman, with characteristic energy and enterprise, rapidly extended and

1888 Mrs. Bourke proved herself an exceptionally able, clear-sighted, and valuable head of the business; and we cannot close this portion of our sketch without paying a passing tribute to the virtues of this lamented lady, whose memory is still held in grateful esteem by all classes of citizens, and whose familiar figure will long be missed in its ministering visits to the alleys, garrets, and cellars of the City. In 1883-4 the firm secured the interest of the adjoining premises in William Street, and commenced building operations on the fine warehouse now occupied by them. This comprises a spacious basement with concrete floor, a splendid



ground floor, and a gallery on the level of the first floor, supported on ornamental iron columns, constituting in completeness of arrangement and excellence of design one of the finest warerooms in the City. The building is lighted from the roof, which forms an immense skylight, and at night is well illuminated by Siemen's and other regenerative gas burners. The total dimensions of the building are over 100 feet in length, with a frontage of 45 feet, affording spacious accommodation for the working of the various departments of the business.

It would be impossible, within the space at our disposal, to do adequate justice to the varied items which constitute the immense stock held by Messrs. P. D. BOURKE & Co., who have made it their very lifelong study to secure for their customers every article which could possibly be brought into harmony with their leading departments. These embrace worsted and trimmings; hardware, cutlery, and many items of ironmongery; gunpowder and ammunition; stationery and lapping paper; school requisites; R.C. Prayer Books, beads, etc.; foreign and home-made fancy goods; tobacconists' sundries; jewellery, etc.; fancy soaps, oils, and perfumery; shoe findings, etc., etc. In its comprehensive variety alone the stock is well

worth a visit of inspection, its wide range including such extremes as needles and kitchen ranges, iron bedsteads and scarf pins. An immense volume of trade is controlled by Messrs. BOURKE in their various departments, their establishment enjoying a widespread connection, ranging far beyond local limits. Under the active and energetic management of the present head of the firm, it has attained a position of eminence amongst the business houses of Ireland, amply justified by its time-honoured reputation for uniform standard of quality and value, which has been the distinguishing characteristic of every article supplied by the firm since its foundation.

In conclusion we may add that Mr. Patrick E. Bourke is widely known and esteemed in City circles; is the present High Sheriff and a Town Councillor of Limerick; an enthusiastic Nationalist and Home Ruler; and, in the recent split in the ranks, declared from the first on the side of the majority of the Irish party, taking care, however, in his position as chairman of the local branch of the Irish National Federation, that no language or action of his should further embitter the position or wound the feelings of those to whom he is politically opposed.

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### JAMES McMAHON,

Garryowen Saw Mills, General Cooperage Works, and Coach and Van Factory,  
William Street and Sexton Street, Limerick.

MR. McMAHON's large and finely-equipped establishment forms one of the chief industrial centres of Limerick, affording employment to about one hundred, and turning out a variety of manufactures. The business has been carried on by the family for over a century, having been founded by the grandfather, and continued by the father of the present enterprising owner. The premises cover a large space of ground, and include saw mills, turning shops, cooperage, wheel and carriage works, all furnished with the newest labour-saving machinery, together with very extensive timber yards well supplied with home and foreign logs and trees. The fine modern plant for every species of sawing, turning, cooperage, and packing-case operations is the remarkable feature of the place, and indicates the progressive spirit and enterprise characteristic of the proprietor. The cooperage factory turns out a great variety of articles for trade, house, and farm

purposes and for the provision and butter factories, and does a large business in the supply of tubs, firkins, and boxes for the butter trade. The saw mills are equal to log, band, and circular sawing of all descriptions, and the turning department to everything in the line from a ladder pin to a mangle roller, not to speak of builders' turnery. The coach and van factory is the latest development, and has already given a good account of its capacity, but is the natural outcome of an original department all along engaged in wheelwright work. Altogether the concern is one of the most complete and self-contained to be found anywhere, and its old-established position and high reputation do great credit to the skill and go-ahead spirit for which the industrial circles of Limerick have been famous. We may add that power is supplied by a fine steam-engine of 40-h.p., and that Mr. McMAHON, apart from his business qualifications, is an expert in the trades represented and the soul of the enterprise.

**JOSEPH CARMODY** (late P. J. Hogan),**Bacon Curer and Bacon Importer, Upper William Street, Limerick.**

AN important and old-established representative of that bacon-curing industry and trade which has attained such excellent development in Limerick is presented in the business of Mr. JOSEPH CARMODY, of Upper William Street, whose name has been long associated with the output of superior hams and bacon, and whose present flourishing trade represents the results of some forty years' continuous and well-directed enterprise. The concern was founded by Mr. Hogan, and from first to last has maintained a favour consistent with the high qualities of everything supplied. It is still the acknowledged centre for genuinely fine goods in the lines above indicated, and continues to adhere consistently to the meritorious standard of purity and merit upon which the reputation of the house is so securely established. For the purposes of the business the premises are excellently adapted, possessing the advantage of a prominent corner position and comprising a very neat one-storey structure at a suitable part of the thoroughfare. The interior extends over a considerable depth to the rear, where there are smoking and drying houses and every desirable practical facility for the successful conduct of all the operations common to the

ham and bacon-curing industry. There is also ample stabling accommodation with yard and accessories, and the delivery and transport of merchandise is thereby satisfactorily accelerated. While Mr. CARMODY imports large quantities of American bacon, devoting scrupulous consideration for the best obtainable qualities only, he also engages in the curing of Irish bacon, and the best proof of the excellence of his productions is presented in the fact that they find a constant demand in London, to which they are being constantly exported, and are nowhere in greater favour than in the home markets, where the results of first-class bacon curing at all times command appreciation. Among old-established connections of a good class, Mr. CARMODY pursues vigorously a trade that has of recent years developed importantly. Attentive consideration for their requirements, combined with a liberal regard for economy, tends to preserve the sound commercial relations that have long existed between this house and its constituents, and we have every reason to affirm that the business remains undiminished in trading support, and represents the best features of the industry in a manner equal to its contemporaries.

**JOSEPH CARMODY,****Wholesale Baker and Confectioner, Brunswick Street Bakery, Limerick.**

THERE is no more important branch of productive industry in connection with the staple food of the people than that represented in the City of Limerick by Mr. JOSEPH CARMODY, wholesale baker and confectioner, who has recently acquired the old-established business conducted for many years by the Riche family in Sarsfield Street. The premises are centrally situated in the best part of the City on the banks of the Shannon, and in immediate proximity to the Quays, presenting undeniable advantages for the prompt delivery of flour, etc., from the vessels in which these commodities are imported. The building is of handsome proportions and of attractive appearance, the ground floor being devoted to the retail department, with well-fitted offices on each side of the entrance. In the rear is the extensive bakery, designed on the most improved modern principles, and containing ten ovens and every appliance for facilitating the production of large quantities of high-class plain and fancy household bread, confectionery, cakes, scones, crumpets, and other goods of a similar character. The

bakery is noteworthy for the scrupulous cleanliness observed in the various processes of manufacture, every precaution being taken in the perfection of the sanitary arrangements, in order to ensure the absolute purity and wholesome quality of the productions of the firm. The other premises include commodious stabling for twenty horses, and spacious stores possessing capacity for 3,000 bags of flour, the average quantity required to meet the demands of the extensive trade done by the proprietor. The business is almost exclusively confined to the wholesale, the proprietor enjoying a widespread connection throughout Limerick and its suburbs, a number of well-appointed vans being daily engaged in the delivery of goods to the principal retail shops in the locality. The services of a staff of twenty-eight experienced bakers are employed in the bread-making and confectionery departments, and, in addition, many other hands are employed, there being in all over fifty hands retained for the working of the business, which is unquestionably the largest and most important of this description in the district.



**JOSEPH SACE, Hairdresser, Hair and Perfume Manufacturer,**

119, George Street, Limerick.

THE trade and calling of the perfumer and hairdresser is eminently represented in Limerick by Mr. JOSEPH SACE, whose well-known business—commenced in Cecil Street in 1885 and transferred to the above address two years ago—now constitutes one of the most popular among the City's fashionable centres of trade. The rapid advancement of the house in the favour and support of its now numerous patrons is largely, if not almost entirely, due to the consideration with which the interests of a large circle of ladies and gentlemen are anticipated, and the skill with which the principal and his expert staff illustrate every branch of that art in which Mr. SACE has already acquired some considerable distinction. Previous to commencing business in Limerick Mr. SACE acquired the Diploma of Honour at Brussels in 1884, and was the recipient of the first-class Diploma of London in 1885. In devising all kinds of fashionable and stylish *coiffures* in the latest and most attractive *modes*, and in the manufacture of ornamental hair fringes and plaits, Mr. SACE has given evidence of exceptional artistic taste; and as a manufacturer, also, of various popular perfumes, has developed an industry in which there is ample scope for the exercise of that special proficiency he has already evinced in other departments of the hairdresser's and perruquier's art.

The establishment in George Street is a fine example of the modern and high-class hairdressing dépôt, being of spacious dimensions and appointed

with all the luxuriance of the Metropolitan saloons. The front portion exhibits a large stock shown to the best advantage, and embracing French and English cosmetiques, brushes, crimping and curling irons, toilet sponges, bandeaux, wigs, and a series of the latest designs in fancy pins and combs from Paris. Behind are the private hairdressing apartments, fitted with settees, fine marble shampooing stands, and mirrors and further to the rear are the ladies' rooms, including reception and operation rooms, all appointed on a scale of elegance acceptable to the most fastidious, and manifesting those numerous phases of cheerfulness and comfort which ladies are ever ready to appreciate. The latest improvements in hairdressing machinery are here adopted, and it would be difficult to find any detail of appointment detracting from the general appearance of completeness which characterises the house. It is evident that no expense has been spared in rendering it suitable to the tastes and requirements of its *habitués*, and to these attractions may be added the genial courtesy and attentiveness of Mr. SACE, who endeavours to afford the utmost satisfaction to the numerous City and suburban connections, among whom his establishment has become a favourite rendezvous.

Since the above review was written the whole of Mr. JOSEPH SACE's premises have been completely destroyed by fire, a brave and much-regretted fireman losing his life. They are being reconstructed on a more elaborate scale.

**BENNIS & SONS,**

Wholesale and Retail Family Grocers and Italian Warehousemen,

30, George Street, Limerick.

THE leading establishment whose address stands above is one of the best in Limerick, and commands a long-established and valuable trade. The business was originated in 1844 by Mr. J. Alexander, to whom Mr. J. F. Bennis, the principal of the present firm, succeeded in 1856. The shop is one of the features of George Street, and extends back a hundred feet. The fittings are excellent in taste and convenience, and the stock superb. To the rear is another large general warehouse. The main specialities are high-class groceries, tinned and preserved provisions and fruits, spicery, table comestibles, Italian goods, and home and foreign fruits. A select family trade of large volume is done, alongside which an important wholesale connection is catered for. The business is ably managed by the partners in person, and enjoys a vigorous prosperity.

The senior member of the firm is agent for the popular National Provident Assurance Association. As an example of its unequalled advantages, the estimated cost of £100, payable at 60 or death, whichever comes first—age 25 next birthday—is as follows:—First 5 years, at £2 18s. 8d.—£14 13s. 4d.; second 5 years, at £2—£10; third 5 years, at £1 8s.—£7; fourth 5 years, at £1—£5; fifth 5 years, at 16s.—£4; sixth 5 years, at 7s.—£1 15s.; seventh 5 years, at 4s.—£1; total cost, about £43 8s. 4d.; or 6s. 2d. per quarter, which is about half the cost of other Companies. For estimates for other ages, and forms of insurance at little more than half the usual cost, and in the A1 office, apply to Mr. J. F. Bennis, who, with his sons, enjoys a widespread popularity and esteem, and is consulted as the highest authority from all parts of Ireland as to the best offices and form of insurance to adopt.

## WILLIAM CHRISTY &amp; SONS,

Carriage Builders, 58, George Street; and Shannon Street, Limerick.

THIS concern now carried on by Mr. Christy has represented the coach-building trade of Limerick for many years, and was first established by Mr. Thomas Quinlan, in 1799. Mr. Christy succeeded to the business in 1855, and, from that until the present time, has advanced the interests of that branch of industry with notable enterprise.

To the original works in Shannon Street the proprietor added the extensive establishment known as "Phayer's Coach Factory," subsequently carried on by Mr. Johnson, of Cork, from whom Mr. Christy purchased it in 1868. It comprises a substantial building well situated in George Street. The showrooms are capable of accommodating a large number of carriages

and traps; the work embodying all the modern improvements.

The Shannon Street factory is large and spacious. It forms a square block of three stories, and its extent and capabilities, taken together with the immense yard adjoining, are such as to afford the most ample provision for a large and thoroughly representative coach-making industry, together with a department for timber drying.

Mr. Christy's staff of competent workmen turns out work in the most fashionable style, together with durability and beauty of finish. He sends carriages to all parts of the Kingdom and the Colonies. We must say few citizens of Limerick are better known and more deservedly esteemed than Mr. Christy, who has so long presided over this business.

M. CUSACK, House and Ecclesiastical Painter; Decorator; and Importer of  
French and English Paperhangings; Decorative Material, &c.;  
49, George Street, Limerick.

No review of the representative business houses of the City of Limerick would be complete without including some mention of the eminent house of Mr. M. CUSACK, of George Street, which unquestionably ranks among the principal decorative establishments in this part of the kingdom. The business was originally established by Mr. CUSACK in Cecil Street, Limerick, twenty-eight years ago, and since that period a very prosperous and extended connection has been established on the firmest basis. Twenty-two years ago the exigencies of an ever developing business necessitated removal to more extensive premises. These comprised a handsomely appointed sale shop and showrooms on the ground floor, at rear of which are commodious workshops and warehouse, the former thoroughly equipped with every modern appliance calculated to facilitate the operations of the business. The showrooms contain a splendid and extremely varied selection of all possible kinds of wall papers from the best houses at home and abroad. All the newest and most expensive designs may here be inspected under the most favourable conditions, from the very neatest thing in border or

dado, the quaintest creation of Japanese fancy, or the most florid of Lincrusta-Walton decorations down to the cheap but ever popular patterns that have been familiar in kind on the walls of modern drawing and dining rooms for nearly a generation. Mr. CUSACK undertakes to satisfy the most fastidious fancy; and is prepared at any time to supply papers suitable for the decoration of the reception rooms of a palace or family mansion, or the quiet and cosy sitting room of the cottage with equal satisfaction in every case. The business both in paper-hangings and decorative materials generally is largely of a wholesale character, the connection lying largely among painters, decorators, builders, &c., &c., whom Mr. CUSACK supplies with all possible kinds of decorating material. Mr. CUSACK also controls, with the valuable aid of his son, a splendid business on similar lines at 66½, Grafton Street, Dublin, where a most aristocratic connection is enjoyed. In both centres of industrial and commercial activity the business is conducted with great energy and enterprise on the part of all concerned, the steadily increasing patronage being a substantial proof of the general satisfaction given in all parts of the kingdom.



**W. & C. McDONNELL, Margarine Manufacturers, Limerick.**

*Telegrams :—*" McDONNELL, LIMERICK ; " " BALLADRY, LONDON."

It is specially pleasing to note in these pages the introduction of new and flourishing industries into Ireland and to give prominence to the firms whose enterprise is responsible for such a salutary advance. Messrs. W. AND C. McDONNELL belong to this class, and have instituted in Limerick a margarine business which has grown by "leaps and bounds." The firm, however, is not of yesterday, the older section of the enterprise, dealing with butter, bacon, and corn, having been founded so long ago as 1820 by the father of the present enterprising owners. Of these the export butter trade is still carried on very largely, but is now overshadowed by the importance of the margarine manufacture. Messrs. McDONNELL were the first Irish firm to embark in this business, and the resolution and enterprise with which they fought their way on the market against foreign competition and the initial difficulties must render them doubly proud of their great success. The firm have very suitable premises, facing Thomas Street, covering a great space, and

equipped with the best modern apparatus for producing margarine of the first qualities. Into the various processes of the manufacture we need not enter here; suffice it to say the purest materials are used, the best methods followed, and the most absolute cleanliness observed throughout. The demand grows from day to day from the chief English and Scotch buyers as well as the home houses, and, considering the special quality of the article, it would be difficult to forecast the future limits of Messrs. McDONNELL's business. A large number of hands are employed, and the neighbouring farmers find a valuable market for their milk, forming an interesting crowd as they surround the receiving department of the factory morning by morning. Both partners are accomplished business men, trained to trading on a large scale, and possess every qualification and ample resources to give a distinguished account of themselves in the by no means distant future. "More power to ye!" will be the wish of everyone interested in the industrial development of Ireland,

**L. SOMMERFIELD, Tailor and Habit Maker, 115, George Street, Limerick.**

AN eminent centre of fashionable and high-class trade in Limerick is presented in the establishment of Mr. L. SOMMERFIELD, whose business, commenced six years ago, has obtained a prominence in tailoring and habit-making work worthy of the superior phases of that industry which its operations serve to illustrate. In accordance with the important standing attained, the establishment is one of the attractive business places of George Street, and its heavily-stocked departments indicate how completely the varied tastes of a large *clientèle* have been anticipated with the view of affording the greatest possible facility for selection. The cloths are submitted to inspection and choice under the conditions of handsome appointment, and the two large plate-glass windows by which the frontage is enhanced; the mirrored fittings, and the cutting and fitting rooms behind all exemplify the standard of first-rate taste with which the house has been rendered suitable, elegant, and well arranged. The workrooms at the rear are commodious apartments, conveying a general aspect of neatness, ventilation, and comfort; and here a staff of

skilled tailors, specially engaged for their acquaintance with the high-class branches of the trade, operate under a system of personal supervision which secures the sound finish, excellent fit, and correct fashionable style which are the leading features of all Mr. SOMMERFIELD's work. The cloths made up are all of the best class absolutely, and embrace the newest and most "taking" things of the day in Scotch tweeds, West of England, and habit cloths. The trade of the house is entirely the highest class of bespoke tailoring in this City, and is conducted on the lines best calculated to serve the requirements and meet precisely the tastes of large connections among the better class. In Limerick and its surroundings Mr. SOMMERFIELD retains the favour of appreciative customers both ladies and gentlemen, whose acknowledgment of his courtesy, attentiveness, and liberal terms is fully requited in the unvarying consideration devoted to their interests; and on that account the house constitutes a leading and representative centre of the sartorial art in this City, where everything fashionable and superior commands at all times ready and unreserved recognition.

THOMAS HASSETT, Builders' and House Furnishing Ironmonger,  
9, George Street, Limerick.

IN reviewing the flourishing commercial undertakings of Limerick a portion of our space may fairly be claimed by Mr. HASSETT's fine establishment at the address above. Opened three years ago, its advancement and completeness are remarkable, testifying plainly to the knowledge and ability brought to bear by Mr. HASSETT in forwarding the interests of the business. The shop, which extends a hundred feet to the rear, is very spacious and complete, showing splendid lines in ironmongery and house-fitting goods. This assortment is supplemented by a heavy stock distributed in the show-rooms and store-rooms of the establishment, and including everything incidental to the light and heavy branches of the trade. Among the specialities particular notice is merited by the grates and ranges, chimney-

pieces, stoves and fire-place furniture, fine cutlery, tools, American novelties, lamps, plated ware and table equipage. The section devoted to the building trade contains all the latest brass and steel fittings, superb tiled hearths, baths, &c. Bar iron and steel, iron and tin plate, and corrugated and galvanized goods are also largely carried. On the executive side several departments—turners', smiths', gas fitters', plumbers', hot and cold water engineers'—have been organised, and are manned by a skilled staff, so that Mr. HASSETT is able to estimate for, and undertake work on, the most favourable terms. We need not say that the credit of this success belongs to the enterprising proprietor, who is admittedly one of the best business men of this old and flourishing City.





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*From Photo by Lawrence, Dublin.*

## THE QUAY, WEXFORD.

WEXFORD, which probably derives its name from Washford, in allusion to a ford or shallow occasionally washed by the tide, was most probably founded by the Danes on their invasion of Ireland. As an important Danish position it naturally attracted the attention of their successors, the Normans, and we find in 1174 a grant of the town to Strongbow, the redoubted leader of the early Norman Expedition, in the possession of whose successors it remained till the time of Henry VIII. The town seems to have gained rather than otherwise by its change of masters, while the natural advantages offered by its situation contributed to raise it to a position of prominence as a trading centre commanding a large portion of the South-east of Ireland. The hardihood of its inhabitants, in whose veins ran the best blood of Dane and Norman, was brilliantly displayed at a later period when Cromwell began his conquest of

Ireland in 1649. The massacre of Drogheda, where the leader of the fanatic Ironsides indulged his troops in the perpetration of an inhuman butchery, was repeated a second time at Wexford. No doubt the Puritan leader was infuriated by the stubbornness of the defence and the sturdy resistance met with, but how he obtained possession of the town is still a moot point. That treachery, rather than force, gave up the gallant Wexfordians to be "knocked on the head," as Cromwell in butcher phraseology himself puts it, we do not doubt, and need not dwell on. However coloured, the episode is dark with cruelty, and such wholesale executions beyond apology. Yet another scene of the drama of the subjugation of Ireland was laid in the town, which was the headquarters of the southern insurgents, in 1798, and their chief military position. At Vinegar Hill, near Enniscorthy, a few miles to the north, this tragedy,



too, found an ending. So much for the historical associations of this important centre.

In its modern aspect Wexford has many points of interest. It is a great centre of trade and industry, and the home of an active, enterprising, and prosperous community. Standing at the mouth of the Slaney, and facing a capacious landlocked harbour, its situation is unexcelled. True the port has many disadvantages, but these are met by the ample provision made outside the southern promontory and forming the harbour at

produce of the first magnitude; and many minor lines are carried actively forward. In fact, few more prosperous towns exist anywhere, and few are more progressive, modern, and enlightened.

Wexford is excellently built and picturesquely situated. The public buildings, churches, and schools are adequate to every requirement, while the larger business premises are on the most liberal modern scale. The visitor, in passing through the streets, will at once perceive that the town is a hive of industry in varied



*From Photo by Lawrence, Dublin.*

#### SELSKER ABBEY, WEXFORD.

Wexford Bay (or Rosslare Harbour), where a huge breakwater has been constructed to afford shelter against southerly gales. From this breakwater a railway runs to Wexford, and communicates with the entire railway system of the country. Wexford, though by no means of the huge dimensions of some of our mammoth cities, is a town of the first importance with a population of 12,163 souls and many busy industries. The shipping trade is large and flourishing; the malting business has long been of the first importance; the importation of wines and spirits is very considerable; the export of

forms, fully up to date in its business methods, and peopled by a race of the first order for stamina, energy, and capacity. The public interests of the community, too, are ably attended to by a Town Council, including the chief personages of the place; and the other departments of our modern civilized life find eminent representation. Anything further that requires to be appended in respect of the busy trading and industrial world of Wexford we propose to add by noticing a few of the typical establishments contributing to its present progress and expansion.

## W. WALKER &amp; SON,

Wine Merchants and Family Grocers, 78, Main Street, Wexford. *Telegrams*: "WALKER, WEXFORD."

THE above eminent firm control the largest and most representative business of the kind in Wexford, and enjoy the highest position and reputation in the trade. The enterprise was inaugurated half a century ago by Mr. William Walker, with whom his son, Mr. Robert Walker, the present sole proprietor, was eventually associated under the title now borne by the firm. Although the business is of the largest volume in all departments, the accommodation of the firm's very extensive premises is ample for every requirement. To the front the main corner block is of three storeys, and contains a splendid shop with large windows to both frontages. The interior fittings, arrangement, and stock at once indicate a concern of the first order, and offer every facility for both counter and order trades. To the rear is an immense suite of stores and cellars. These include wine cellars, large, airy, and lightsome, fitted with bins and most neatly ordered; a bottled ale store, stout store; cask wine, whisky, etc., store for bottling; cask brandy store, claret cellars, case wine loft, bottle store, bottling cellars, and bottle-washing department fitted with suitable machines. These are all completely equipped with bins, gauntreys, etc., and are maintained in the highest state of cleanliness and order. In another building is the tea-blending room with

suitable machinery, a tea store, paper store, packing department, coffee-roasting room, grocery and dry goods' stores, mineral water stores, and various supplementary departments. Good stables and van houses are provided for the distributive department.

In the grocery department the leading speciality of the trade is distinctively the high-class quality teas supplied by the firm, which are selected with critical taste by Mr. Walker in the London market from the choicest new seasons' growths; and, as one of the large buyers of this class of produce in Ireland, the firm enjoys exceptional advantages in catering for the requirements of their customers in this branch of the business. In general grocery and table goods nothing but the first quality is kept, every article having been obtained from the best sources of supply at home and abroad, and can always be guaranteed of superior excellence and value.

The firm has long enjoyed a distinct connection of the greatest value, and extend their operations to all the adjacent counties. No concern could possibly be better managed, and its high position has been fairly won. The present owner is a well-known and widely-popular gentleman, and one of the most accomplished business men of this busy and prosperous centre.

## JEFFARES BROTHERS,

Tea, Wine, and Spirit Merchants; and Chandlers; 30, Main Street, Wexford.

THIS highly reputed business was established in 1818, and is at present carried on by Messrs. Lett Lealy and James Jeffares Brothers. The firm's premises are well situated, present an attractive frontage, and have every interior accommodation for a large first-class trade. The shop is well stocked with groceries, table comestibles, and domestic requisites of the best quality; bottled wines, spirits, etc. Tea and high-class beverages are the specialities of the firm, and in these their reputation is second to none. They are also wholesale chandlers. To the rear of the shop is the wine and spirit department, the rest of the

extensive premises serving for storage, bottling cellars, and packing rooms. The firm hold a large stock in bond at the stores 7, Commercial Quay, and are large direct importers of wines and brandies in cask, and heavy holders of choice parcels of old John Jameson's and Bishopswater whiskies. In malt liquors they are also very large bottlers of Guinness and Burton brewings. Both partners possess an exceptional knowledge of the trade, and give the business the benefit of their personal attention. They command a large and valuable patronage in all the lines represented, and rank among the most enterprising, judicious, and prosperous merchants in Wexford.



## JOHN SINNOTT &amp; SONS,

Manufacturing Ironmongers, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers, Bell Hangers, Copper Smiths,  
and General Plumbers, 29, South Main Street, Wexford.

IN 1649, when Oliver Cromwell arrived before Wexford, the premises at the above address, supposed to have been originally a Danish stronghold, were occupied by Colonel David Sinnott, an ancestor of the present occupier, Mr. James Sinnott, and here "Old Noll" put up during his stay in the town. The room he occupied as a sitting-room, with its heavy oak panelling from floor to ceiling, still remains *in statu quo*. In one corner is a "cachette," or hiding hole, entered by a movable panel, and right behind is a shaft or well running down through the thickness of the wall to unknown depths, which is ghastly suggestive of old-world misdoings. In other parts of the premises are two similar "holes." But even before the great Puritan leader thrust his not very agreeable person upon the Governor of Wexford, the room above alluded to had played its part in making history. Here it seems the redoubted Strongbow, Earl of Pembroke, first met Eva, daughter of the Prince of Leinster, Diarmid MacMorrogh, whom that traitor had sold to the enterprising Norman Welshman. In Paradise or Castle, Eva is evidently a name for evil omen. The house throughout has been splendidly preserved, and is probably the most interesting and unique in many ways in Ireland.

Turning from the wicked doings of the evilly great, whom history has pilloried, to the peaceful ways of trade, we note that the above firm was founded forty-eight years ago by the late Mr. John Sinnott, to whom

the present owner succeeded five years back. The business at present is of the largest and most important character, and is adequately accommodated in a range of premises extending back 500 feet to the Quay, where is the goods' entrance. The Main Street frontage of the shop is large and imposing, and the interior most spacious. In the basement below are stores for heavy goods. To the rear is a bedstead showroom seventy feet long, and, further back, furniture showrooms, cabinet shops, plumbers' and smiths' shops, packing house, stables, yard, and various offices. The stock, much of which is made on the premises, includes house fittings, both light and heavy; furniture of every kind; carpets; hearth rugs; toilet, pier, and chimney glasses; lamps; electroplate; Birmingham and Sheffield goods; linoleums and oilcloths; iron, steel, copper, zinc, etc., in the usual forms; galvanized roofing; chains and nails; guns and sporting requisites; ropes; paints; oils; colours; hydraulic plant; sanitary fittings; and hardware in endless forms. The executive departments are well organized, and the various fitting and metal-working trades are well represented. The connexion is of wide extent, the resources of the concern making it a favourite for estimate, contract, or order work, no less than as a source of supply. Mr. James Sinnott personally superintends the business, and is a most courteous and accomplished business gentleman, and a worthy representative of an old and popular family.

## MICHAEL ENNIS.

Timber Merchant, Crescent and Custom Quays, Wexford.

FOR the lengthened period of half a century past this firm has been in existence, the original founder, Mr. Michael Ennis, having commenced business in Wexford fifty years ago. On his death, in 1871, he was succeeded by his son; thus the firm is now in the jubilee year of its existence, and Mr. M. A. Ennis is the present sole proprietor. The timber yards, three in number, are situated on the Crescent and Custom Quays, and cover a large area, on which are erected drying sheds and all the necessary appurtenances for a business of this extensive character. The office is at Crescent Quay, which is the headquarters of the business, and is connected by private telephone with the other yards, and all telegrams should be addressed "ENNIS, WEXFORD." The stocks in the various yards and stores include large quantities of valuable timber imported from St. John's, Quebec, Norway, the Baltic, and

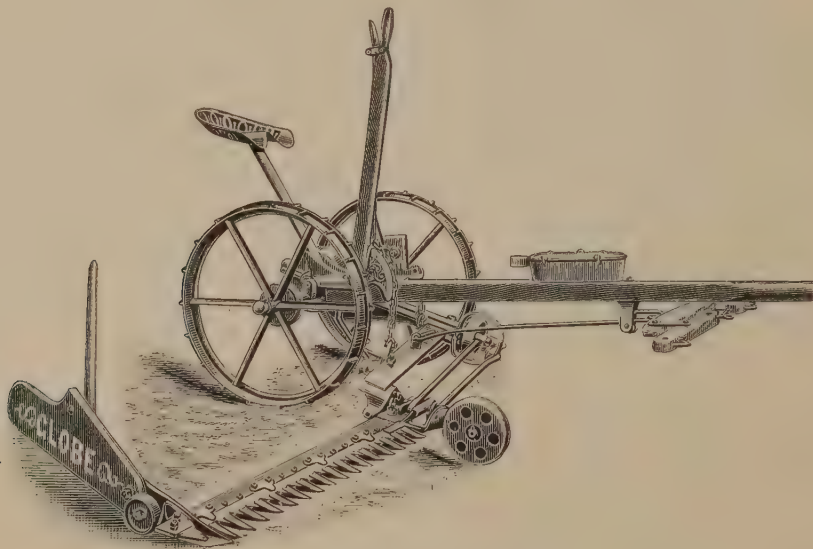
other centres of production both at home and abroad; slates, tiles, bricks, coping, and every description of material appertaining to the building industry, including Portland cement, which is supplied from the stores in Church Lane. A very important and widespread business connection has been established by Mr. Ennis in Wexford and the surrounding districts, the proprietor numbering amongst his *clientèle* the leading builders, railway contractors, and buyers of timber and materials for many miles round, whose names have been inscribed in the books of the firm for the past half-century. Mr. ENNIS is widely known and esteemed in commercial circles, and has, by his extended connection with the trade and his invariably straightforward and honourable business methods, secured the respect of his mercantile contemporaries and all classes of his fellow-citizens.

## WILLIAM DOYLE,

Agricultural Machine Maker, Selskar Iron Works, Wexford.

THE increasing scarcity of labour in late years has necessarily thrown the agriculturist on the resources of manufacturers of labour-saving machinery, with the result that the demand far exceeds the home supply. One of the best Irish factories is situated at Wexford, namely, the Selskar Iron Works of Mr. WILLIAM DOYLE, where farm machinery of all descriptions and

plant has been laid down, and is supplied with power from a large Crossley gas engine of the latest type. The machines are made *in toto* on the premises, a staff of sixty hands being employed in moulding, fitting, painting, pattern making, and other operations. In few departments of industry has more thought and invention been employed of late than in this, and the



farm appliances are turned out of the most improved type and of the most excellent materials. The works cover a space of about two acres and a half, are very compact and self-contained, and of the most complete character. Seven ranges of workshops of corrugated iron afford ample space for the founding, finishing, and fitting operations of the manufacture, and for the pattern-making, storage, and incidental departments. In a separate building at the entrance are the counting house, public and private offices. A most improved

result is apparent in the almost automatic appliances to be seen in any first-class factory such as this. The trade extends to all parts of the United Kingdom. Mr. DOYLE is himself an expert and engineer of the highest standing, and, during the ten years that have passed since he founded the Selskar Works, he has introduced many improvements both in the types and parts of this class of machinery. Considering the favourable position of the industry at present, he is likely to have a liberal reward for his enterprise and technical ability.



## WHITE'S HOTEL, Wexford.

*Proprietor:* MR. JOHN EYRE.

THE hotel business is well represented in Wexford in the case of the above old-established and first-class house. WHITE'S HOTEL takes its name from its founder, who established it in 1795, and in whose family it long remained. Thirty years ago, the house was occupied by Mr. Walker, and in 1880 Mr. John Eyre succeeded, and has been eminently successful in maintaining the prosperity of the establishment. The premises are of large extent, and stand in the centre of the town a short distance from the railway station. They include all the usual public rooms—buffet, commercial, coffee, and sitting-rooms, a billiard and smoking-room, thirty bed-

rooms, and stock-room. To the rear are the culinary offices, and behind, a fine posting and funeral-under-taking establishment, with an excellent equipment of vehicles of all kinds, and a large stud. The interior fitting and arrangements are of the most comfortable order, rendering the place a favourite with travellers of all classes, while the *menu, cuisine*, wine list, and attendance are highly spoken of. The Hotel 'bus attends the arrival and departure of all trains. In brief, the house is managed in the most satisfactory manner, and well merits its leading position in this flourishing and enterprising centre.

## BRIEN &amp; KEATING,

Furnishing and General Ironmongers; Plumbing Establishment, Electroplate and Furnishing Warehouse, Agricultural Implement, Seed and Manure Depot,  
9 and 14, South Main Street, Wexford.

A most important, large, and comprehensive business is controlled by this leading and respectable firm, which has been carried on under the management of the present proprietors for some 23 years.

The ironmongery and allied trades are carried on in a fine range of premises, extending from Main Street to the Quay, which contain a splendid ironmongery and hardware shop to the front, extending back about 100 feet—two flats of stores for heavy goods beneath, and to the rear, and further back, stores for agricultural implements and machines, seeds and fertilizers, together with smiths' and plumbers' shops, the whole extent rearwards being several hundred feet. The shop and stores carry a heavy stock, embracing everything in the trade required by town or country residents of all classes, such as builders' fittings, stoves, grates, ranges, door and other furniture, household and farm ironmongery, light and heavy Sheffield and Birmingham goods, cutlery, electroplate, bar and sheet metal of all kinds, corrugated iron, tools and utensils, lamps; and the thousand and one articles required by the tradesman, householder, or agriculturalist. The farming appliances are of the latest improved type, made by the

best home and foreign firms; the seeds of select quality and high vitality, and the manures suitable for all soils and crops. All kinds of smiths' and plumbers' work are undertaken, and general metal working.

Opposite this fine establishment is another, devoted to furniture and furnishings, containing a spacious show-room with large plate-glass front, where suite and piece goods of the firm's own make show to advantage. Behind this is the carpet showroom of similar character. The rear is occupied by a yard with large stores of fine and various hard woods, and contains a cabinet factory of four storeys, drying sheds, and other necessary departments. The firm have the highest reputation for fine and artistic workmanship, and are specially reputed ecclesiastical furnishers. The fine carved oak work they are at present executing in the Monaghan Cathedral will long remain a monument of their skill in this respect. The firm employ about 30 hands on the average. All departments do a first-class trade, their stock and management reflecting the highest credit on the spirited proprietors. Both gentlemen are highly esteemed in Wexford, and whatever their hands findeth to do they do it with their might.

## NICHOLAS DEVEREUX &amp; CO.,

## Bishopswater Distillery, Wexford.

THE trade reputation of this great Wexford Distillery, no less than its importance among local industries, gives it a foremost place among the enterprises of this part of Ireland. Founded by the representatives of the great Anglo-Norman Devereux family, in conjunction with Mr. Harvey, in 1827, its career has been one of continuous advancement and prosperity. The site is on the rise of the hill containing the spring known as the "Bishop's Well," supposed to possess not merely the purity which modern science and general taste prefer, but various occult properties derived from the blessing of the sainted Bishop of Ferns, whose memory it perpetuates. The various distillery buildings occupy a large rectangular space of several acres, are solidly constructed, and have an ample supply of both water and steam power. "Pot stills" only have been employed by the firm, and of these there are at present three for wort and low wines' distillation of the aggregate capacity of 38,000 gallons. These are supplied by a mammoth mash tun and seven fermenting wash backs holding over 200,000 gallons. A Morton's refrigerator, and a concrete and stone worm tub, or reservoir, 20 feet high and 90 feet long, are the other noteworthy features of the distilling equipment.

The malting department and granaries are also exceptionally extensive, the firm doing a large business as trade maltsters. Wexford has well been designated the Morayshire of Ireland, and the firm have at their doors an inexhaustible supply of the finest barley in the country. They are not to be blamed if the finest samples find their way into their own apparatus. On the premises is also a large bonded warehouse, with a

capacity of 6,000 casks, cut out of the solid limestone rock, and dry as the Sahara. Supplementary to this is another at Crescent Quay, erected a few years ago to meet the demands of a rapidly growing trade. The minor departments, such as cooperages, offices, etc., are all well represented, and, in addition, the firm have a fully equipped workshop, where all their carts and vehicles are made. The whole is, we might say, a model industrial concern: notably self-contained, comprehensive and complete, and affording employment to a great number of hands.

The distillation of the Bishopswater Distillery having been before the public for the greater part of the century requires no words of praise to add to the approval of the community and the trade. It holds the field in the South-east of Ireland, where it is the favourite tippie of all classes; is largely exported *via* Liverpool and Bristol; and commands the English and Scotch markets with wholesale merchants and blenders. This latter section of the trade is ably managed by the firm's sole agent, Mr. James Stoddart, Idol Lane, London.

The Messrs. DEVEREUX, apart from their position as county magnates, deserve every praise for their spirit in sustaining so long and honourably this centre of industry, and must rank among the chief benefactors of the mercantile and working worlds of Wexford. The popular recognition of their beneficence conferred Parliamentary honours on the house, and official favour has been equally accorded. In every way the Devereux wealth, influence, and ability have been lavishly bestowed in promoting the best interests of the town, and the Bishopswater Distillery has been no unimportant factor in its past and present prosperity.

## R. C. WEBB,

## Pharmaceutical Chemist, Hadden's Medical Hall, Wexford.

THIS is the oldest Pharmacy in Wexford, having been established in 1835 by Mr. Hadden, and carried on by him and his son for many years. Twelve years ago the present proprietor, Mr. R. C. WEBB, succeeded, in whose hands the establishment has lost none of its former *prestige* or prosperity. The situation is an eligible one, and the shop is fitted up in mahogany, is spacious, and neatly ordered. The usual stock of a first-class house of the kind is well in evidence, embracing, besides the usual drugs and chemical preparations,

a very complete assortment of patent and proprietary articles; toilet requisites; cosmetics; surgical, medical, and nursery appliances; home and foreign mineral waters; perfumery, *et hoc genus omne*. The compounding department is separate, and is fitted up with all the delicate and exact apparatus of the profession. Prescriptions receive special attention, whether from the faculty or private individuals. The house enjoys a wide patronage and the highest reputation as a Pharmacy. Mr. WEBB is a member of the Pharmaceutical Society, and holds a high rank in the profession.



## R. H. SHAW &amp; CO.,

General House Furnishers and Ironmongers, Main Street, Wexford.

THE business now carried on by this leading firm was founded forty years ago by the father of the present principal, Mr. R. H. Shaw, and is of large dimensions. Five years ago the Messrs. Hadden, the well-known local drapers, became partners with Mr. Shaw, the firm trading as above. The premises are of great extent, and afford every accommodation for the heavy business controlled. To the front is a first-class shop two hundred feet deep and replete with a variety of hardware and ironmongery goods that would exhaust the pages of a large catalogue to indicate. House, farm, and furnishing ironmongery; builders' fittings; lacquered brass goods, lamps, cutlery, tools, electroplate and ornamental goods of various descriptions form the main lines. Stores are provided for all kinds of heavy goods, farm appliances, oils, &c. The firm also undertake every branch of smith's and plumber's work, in which a staff of experienced hands is engaged. The furniture department is no less admirable, a large portion of the

premises being devoted to showrooms for cabinet work; and in the rear are extensive workshops for this department, in which a number of first-class cabinet makers, French polishers, and upholsterers are employed in the manufacture of *suite* and piece goods in the most fashionable designs. Messrs. SHAW also hold large stocks of valuable secondhand furniture and valuable antiques, and, from the inexhaustible sources at their command, are enabled to furnish at a few hours' notice dwellings of any magnitude from the cottage of the peasant to the palace of the peer. Iron and brass bedsteads of the latest types form another attractive display; in addition to which space is set apart for carpets and floor coverings. The whole is quite metropolitan in character, and does great credit to the enterprise of the firm. The business is under the immediate control of Mr. Shaw, and is thoroughly organised. We need not say that the patronage accorded to the house is flattering, and commensurate with the spirit and judgment displayed by the firm in every section of their important enterprise.

## THOMAS H. RICHARDS,

Watch Manufacturer and Jeweller, 57, North Main Street, Wexford;  
and 38, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

THE enterprise of the business world of Wexford is very largely shared by Mr. THOMAS H. RICHARDS, who, as a watch manufacturer of the highest grade, has gained more or less celebrity in many parts of the world. He has been established in the town for more than a quarter of a century, and for a considerable period in London at 38, Basinghall Street, E.C. The former premises are very eligibly situated in the main thoroughfare near the Bull Ring, and have a fine frontage. An ornamentally cased clock is fixed outside, so that any of the good folks of Wexford not supplied with watches from the establishment can add on or take off the "daily rate." The window, with its fine selection of watches, jewellery, and plate, always makes a brave show, and the well-fitted and beautifully stocked interior completes a notable *ensemble*. Though the display of new designs in fine gold jewellery and chains; diamond, emerald, and ruby rings; silver electroplate; and clocks in splendid casings for drawing-room,

dining-room, hall, library, or carriage might well challenge prominent mention, the watches, as the famous speciality of the house, have the chief claim on our space. At four guineas for silver and twelve for gold casings, the "Basinghall" English-made patent levers are admittedly the best value in the trade. Their strength, durability, and cheapness; the fact that they are of the finest make; capped and jewelled; air, dust, and damp proof; and their handsome appearance, are appreciated by thousands of wearers in all parts of the world. Among the latest achievements of the trade is Mr. RICHARDS' chrono-micrometer, at the unprecedentedly low price of £30, for timing racing events; and a variety of Kew-certificated watches of special make and finish. We need not say that Mr. RICHARDS drives an immense business at home and abroad. His enterprise and the honourable methods adopted do credit to Wexford, and give him a rank second to none among the spirited business men of that ancient centre of trade and prosperity.

## W. &amp; G. HADDEN,

General Drapers, Wexford.

THE establishment of the above firm, whose modern and metropolitan appearance cannot fail to arrest the attention of the passenger, forms the chief drapery house of the town, and the centre of a large, representative, and prosperous trade. The business has been successfully carried on by various principals since its foundation half a century ago. The founders were Messrs. Banks & Fitzhenry, to whom, in 1848, Mr. George Hadden succeeded. On his decease, ten years after, the business passed to his widow, who held it for fifteen years, till her sons, Messrs. William and George Hadden, the present owners, were of age to assume control, since when the premises have been very considerably enlarged, and now they have a frontage of forty feet, the shop itself extending rearwards about 140 feet. Again on the rear of this are the workrooms, stores, dining-room, etc., etc. The façade is ornate in stucco, and the splendid shop completely fronted in plate glass. The interior, which to the rear is lit from the roof, displays the modern attractions of a fashionable emporium, and is complete in its arrangement, fittings, and stock. In connection with the appointments of the establishment it is worthy of mention that Messrs. HADDEN were the first in Ireland to introduce a "Cash Railway," an invention of one of the partners, and which was used upon the ground floor for a number of years with most satisfactory results. This railway was not available for carrying cash from floor to floor,

and on this account was subsequently replaced by the Lamson Ball system, which is now in such extensive use throughout the kingdom. A wide and easy stairway leads to the first floor, which is entirely devoted to the wants of the *beau monde* in hats, mantles, millinery, and dress outfits. The display here is so varied and *recherché* that the most tasteful and experienced fair customer must experience "*l'embarras de choisir*." In connection are suitable workrooms for *modistes* and milliners, where picked hands are engaged in reproducing the latest fashionable ideas of Paris and London, to suit the style of numerous fair patrons. The stock held in all departments is decidedly fresh, reliable, and fashionable, and ranges from silks and velvets to chiffons, prints, and other inexpensive dress fabrics, including all the several departments of trimmings, underclothing and fittings, household napery, etc., associated with the general drapery trade. The counter service is prompt and courteous, and the general management on the best lines. Both partners supervise the general conduct of the business, and are indefatigable in keeping the stock up to date, the executive departments in close touch with the movements of fashion, and the various staffs at the highest level of efficiency. Both gentlemen are well known and esteemed in trade circles, and are highly popular. Mr. George Hadden takes a keen interest in the welfare of the town, and is an active member of the Corporation.

## FREDERIC WOOD, Artistic and General Printer,

"The Liberty Press," Wexford.

It has long been recognised as an established fact that nothing appeals to the eye of a cultured reader more persuasively or convincingly than artistic printing. How often do we find the slovenly and commonplace advertisement passed over, destroyed, and unnoticed, while the tasteful and attractive announcement is retained to be admired? It pleases the eye; the object is attained; and an increase of business results. We vividly realise the truth of these words while perusing them in a delightfully-printed circular exemplifying the claims of Mr. FREDERIC WOOD, of Wexford, to be included in the eclectic band of choice spirits, and

recognise in the typographic profession a noble art capable of the most exquisite development. The business of Mr. Wood was founded in the year 1876, and is now carried on in admirably-constructed premises, which from their light and roomy arrangements are suited to meet the exigencies of the high-class trade in which Mr. Wood exclusively engages. The stately block covers a large area, the elegantly-appointed machine room measuring 60 feet by 30. In this department will be found—if not the largest—at least the most perfect equipment of letterpress printing machinery to be found in any part of Ireland, noticeable among which we remarked various magnificent "Wharfedale"



machines, an Anglo-American press, and an American "Liberty;" also a press said to be the largest hand-press in Ireland. The motor-power for the larger machines is supplied by an excellent "Otto" gas engine, supplied by Messrs. Crossley Brothers, of Manchester. In addition to a splendidly-organised compositors' department, there are the usual private offices of the principal and his able manager, Mr. C. E. Evans, a gentleman who, like Mr. FREDERIC WOOD, possesses a thorough grasp of the business in its most artistic phases, and whose supervision has doubtless greatly assisted the proprietor in the building up of the widespread connection which the house unquestionably enjoys. We may add that Mr. Wood directs special attention to the printing of circulars suitable to the requirements of the drapery and outfitting and fancy stationery trades, to programmes for concerts, to illustrated catalogues and price lists, and to general printing, including menu, wedding, invitation, and visiting cards, and all classes of commercial printing. Die-

sinking and engraving orders are executed with the greatest precision and despatch, and quite a speciality has been developed in the production of illuminated addresses, of which Mr. Wood has designed and executed a great number lately; and in this department, as in all others, the work is not to be surpassed for artistic beauty or delicacy and perfection of impression and finish. Speaking generally, we believe that the house controls one of the largest, if not *the* largest, trade of its kind in the kingdom, and maintains a most influential connection not only throughout Ireland, but also among the leading commercial and manufacturing houses of the empire. Mr. Wood, in every production of his establishment, exemplifies the well-founded truth that "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever;" and, strongly imbued with this sentiment, he controls his business and administers its affairs in a manner as satisfactory to his *clientèle* as it is advantageous to his own interests, and creditable alike to his energy, ability, and mercantile enterprise.

## GRAVES' PATENT ROOFING CO.,

New Ross, Co. Wexford.

AN important branch of manufacturing industry is represented in New Ross by Messrs. GRAVES' PATENT ROOFING COMPANY, sole proprietors in the United Kingdom of the valuable Danish Patent Rights for the production of improved roofing felt. This material, which is rapidly coming into universal use for roofing purposes, claims many acknowledged advantages over the older makes of felt, being of an exceedingly durable quality and easily applied, and is suitable for any form of roof. The material does not require constant tarring, as do the common felts, and when properly coated with the "Mastic Compo," specially manufactured by the Company, it becomes as hard as slate, requiring no care for many years. The Patent Roofing possesses the undoubted advantage of being fire-proof in a remarkable degree, and can consequently be insured on similar terms to slate or iron roofing. This roofing is supplied by the Company at very slightly advanced prices over the commoner felts, and is specially suited for use in chemical works, being thoroughly impervious to the

fumes of acids, etc., and is now in use in the principal manufactories of this character in Lancashire, including the United Alkali Company, Limited, and many other firms in that district. Other important buildings for which the Company have supplied this material include the Forestry Exhibition at Edinburgh in 1884, in which Messrs. GRAVES' Patent Roofing was exclusively used; and the firm also manufacture extensively for the Admiralty and War Office authorities, the principal railways in the kingdom, and the Manchester Ship Canal Co. A considerable export trade has also been established, chiefly with Western Australia and British Columbia, this felt being an admirable non-conductor of heat, rendering it specially suitable for resisting extremes of temperature. For farm buildings, stores, warehouses, etc., it is unrivalled in its adaptability for roofing purposes, and is largely used throughout the country. The head offices and works of the Company are situated at New Ross, Co. Wexford, and they have also a branch office at Oriel Chambers, Water Street, Liverpool.

## JAMES GALAVAN &amp; COMPANY,

Slate, Brick, Tile, Cement, Timber, Culm, Coal, and Artificial Manure Merchants.

*Private Residence*—"ERIN VALE," NEW ROSS.

THERE are few industrial enterprises to be met with in New Ross possessing traditions so ancient, and withal so honourable, as does the well-known concern indicated in the title of the present brief review. The business was founded fully a century ago by Messrs. Philip and Edward Haye, to whom in the year 1826 Mr. James Galavan succeeded. This gentleman engaged extensively in the development of the timber trade between the North American ports and New Ross; a trade which has had much to do with the present prosperous condition of this interesting port. Mr. Galavan possessed in this service the barque "Bergmann," 38½ tons, and the barque "Albinus," 48½ tons register. In the year 1840 Mr. James Galavan entered upon the coal trade; and, with the same characteristic spirit of enterprise that marked his efforts in the timber business, he speedily purchased two schooners, the "Enterprise," of 72 tons, and the "J. M. Ternan," of 86 tons register, both of which vessels have in their time rendered magnificent service as colliers, greatly augmenting the wealth and commercial influence of the firm that owned them. In 1854 a "new departure" was taken by the introduction of an extensive Peruvian guano business, a department which in 1861 was augmented by the adoption of Lawes' artificial manures (for which they are sole agents in this part of the country) in general, as subject matter of the firm's commercial enterprise. We need hardly say that the premises occupied by Messrs. JAMES GALAVAN AND COMPANY at the present time are very extensive and well equipped. There are four large yards devoted to the several branches of trade engaged in. No. 1 Yard extends from the Quay to South Street, a distance of 350 feet, having a breadth of 250 feet, in which are erected large stores for the warehousing of such items as artificial manures, including guano bone and superphosphate of lime; also cement and plaster of Paris; coal; timber; and the necessary stabling accommodation. Passing to Yard No. 2 we find a space of 100 ft. square having an entrance from the Quay, and heavily stocked with building material of all kinds, including immense quantities of slates, bricks, tiles,

sanitary pipes and ware, and goods of a similar character, to meet the requirements of the trade. The saw mill is one of the most perfectly equipped and completely fitted we have met with in this part of the country, the machinery and plant being of the newest and most improved type, and with its fine engine by Robinson, of Rochdale, seems well calculated to sustain the reputation of the firm in the cut-timber department of its business. The yards Nos. 3 and 4, also approached from the Quay, have a rearward extension of 300 ft. and a width of 80, these spacious plots being mainly devoted to the storage of coal and culm, Irish and English bricks, sewerage and drain pipes, &c. The trade of the firm is of the most extensive and widespread character, and nothing could surpass the admirable completeness that characterises the arrangements of the administration, every detail tending to the efficient working of the concern having received the closest and most attentive consideration on the part of the proprietor. As instancing this thoughtfulness, we may note that extensive covered accommodation is provided for the horses and vehicles of the country people bringing timber to be sawn at the establishment—a great convenience on market days, enabling them to attend to their ordinary business instead of waiting at the mills. The head of the firm at the present time is James Edward Galavan, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Co. Wexford, an ex-Chairman of the New Ross Town Commissioners, an ex-Chairman of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners, thrice Chairman of the Local Poor Law Guardians, and an active participator in every movement calculated to ameliorate the social condition of the community, or enhance the commercial well-being and importance of the trading interests which his father before him had done so much to initiate and augment. In conclusion we may add that Mr. Galavan's beautiful private residence, "Erin Vale," situated about two miles on the Wexford road, is a well-known centre of hospitality in the county, and that its owner is justly proud of its numerous natural attractions, which form a constant source of interest to visitors to this charming locality.



**JOHN BROWNE, General Draper, New Ross.**

IT would be difficult to find in New Ross a more thoroughly representative, and at the same time popular, establishment than that of Mr. JOHN BROWNE, woollen and linen draper, hat and fancy warehouseman. This very successful business was established forty years ago by the father of the present proprietor, and has increased concurrently with the development of the commerce and industry of the district, and new and special departments have been added to meet the requirements of a rapidly growing trade. The premises are spacious and well situated in one of the best business centres of the town. The large plate-glass window is well and tastefully dressed, and presents all the attractive characteristics of a high-class drapery establishment. The interior of the shop and showrooms is fitted up in a very substantial style, and in excellent keeping with the tone of the house. There is an excellent display of millinery, which constitutes a specialty of the house, a good show of costumes and dress goods also being made. It may also be mentioned that, with the great facilities at his command, Mr. BROWNE is in a position to execute mourning orders on the shortest notice—indeed, this department has had special attention devoted to it. The stock of goods, as becomes a business of this magnitude, is very large and comprehensive, being replete with all the best features of the various lines engaged

in, and thoroughly representative of the trade in all its branches, embracing, as it does, a very large assortment of general drapery goods, millinery, dress materials, silks, laces, gloves, trimmings, tweeds, hats, caps, hosiery, blankets, sheetings, calicoes, shirtings, linens, woollens, etc. A marked and impressive feature also of this establishment is the polite yet unobtrusive attention of the employés, which at once sets the visitor at ease, and renders an inspection of the large and valuable stock a real source of pleasure and enjoyment. The extensive and rapid sales enable the proprietor to buy, in large lines, direct from the manufacturers, thus giving the customer all the advantage of intermediate profits, and thereby being in a position to offer these goods of a quality and at a price with which it is impossible for smaller dealers to compete. The business connections are of a widespread, influential, and steadily growing character, the wholesale and retail departments operating extensively throughout the town and district. The establishment, in every department, is under direct and careful supervision, and is conducted throughout with marked ability and sound judgment; and the extensive business relations are well founded upon the eminent reputation so long enjoyed, the high commercial standing of the house, and the thorough confidence established by the well-known quality of all the goods dealt in.

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**PORTSMOUTH ARMS (Nuzum's), Commercial and Family Hotel, Enniscorthy.**

*Proprietor, JOHN BENNETT.*

THE oldest of our leading Hotels in Enniscorthy is the PORTSMOUTH ARMS, for so many years known by the title of the original founder, Mr. Nuzum, who commenced the business nearly a century ago, and continued it with much success for about fifty years. After several changes of proprietorship the Hotel was acquired seven years ago by its present owner, Mr. John Bennett, and has, under his enterprising *régime*, entered upon a fresh lease of popularity and favour. The Hotel is pleasantly situated at the end of the bridge facing the river, and commanding excellent views of the ancient castle and surrounding objects of historical interest. The building is of imposing proportions, with fine entrance hall and noble staircase leading to the upper portion of the Hotel. On the ground floor are large smoking room, private bar, &c., and the accommodation of the establishment includes very commodious commercial room, coffee

room, and tastefully furnished private sitting-rooms, together with a number of comfortable and airy bedrooms, finely appointed bathrooms, lavatories, &c. In connection with the Hotel is an extensive posting establishment, from which are supplied vehicles of all descriptions, including hearses, mourning carriages, &c., of excellent design, with careful and steady drivers. The culinary arrangements of the Hotel are of exceptional merit, and a staff of well-trained servants is retained under the personal supervision of the principal, whose careful attention to every detail that will add to the comfort and convenience of his guests has gained for Mr. Bennett a wide measure of popularity with all sections of the travelling public who have had the good fortune to be entertained within the hospitable walls of the PORTSMOUTH ARMS during this gentleman's connection with this ably-managed establishment.

## ALBERT S. DAVIS &amp; CO., Soap Manufacturers, Enniscorthy.

THE records of successful business enterprise in this flourishing town would be certainly incomplete without prominent recognition of the eminent firm of Messrs. ALBERT S. DAVIS & CO., Soap Manufacturers, Enniscorthy, whose extensive operations in the commercial world fully claim their inclusion in this work. The history of this important undertaking dates back to the year 1835, when the business of general grocery was established in Castle Street by the late Mr. Francis Davis, the founder of the house, who was subsequently succeeded by his son, Mr. Samuel Davis, in 1857. A few years later the business was removed to Mill Park Road, and in 1873 the operations of the firm were extended by the addition of a provision department; and about this period the style of the firm was altered to S. Davis & Sons, and the retail portion of the concern was abandoned. In 1878 the firm still further increased the scope of their resources by building, at the rear of their premises, a large provision store for bacon, etc., and shortly afterwards, in order to meet the pressure of their expanding trade in tea, Messrs. DAVIS found it necessary to secure more central premises for this department, and established the branch in High Street, Dublin. Previous to this the firm had already opened offices in Rood Lane, London, E.C., in order to obtain from the principal market teas of the choicest quality, without the intervention of the middleman. ‡ In 1884 Mr. Samuel Davis died, and the business has since that date been conducted by his two sons, Messrs. Albert S. Davis and Francis H. Davis. The tea business has, since 1890, been conducted as a separate concern under the style of Messrs. S. Davis & Sons, Limited, at 17 and 18, High Street, Dublin; and 11, Rood Lane,

London, E.C. The soap manufactory, which was inaugurated in 1889 by Messrs. ALBERT S. DAVIS & Co., now forms the leading feature of the operations of the firm at Enniscorthy, new and improved modern plant having been laid down in order to extend the facilities of production; and so successful have been the results attained by this branch of their trade, that Messrs. DAVIS have already in contemplation large additions of accommodation and mechanical resources, in order to cope with the requirements of their rapidly extending trade. \* Large quantities of high-class toilet and household soaps are now manufactured by the firm, who also produce several excellent qualities of dry soap in tastefully designed packets, this forming a distinct department of the business. The productions of the firm have gained a high place in public estimation since their introduction, and, by the increasing demand for these specialties in the leading home markets, Messrs. DAVIS have successfully demonstrated their ability to compete with their principal English rivals, and have conclusively shown that they are well able to hold their own in competition with their most powerful contemporaries in the trade. The greatest care is exercised by the firm in the selection of the materials from which these soaps are manufactured, a well-equipped laboratory on the premises providing every convenience for chemically testing all the ingredients and ensuring their absolute purity before they are used. The business throughout is of a most progressive character, and, by the spirited enterprise and energetic management which govern the administration, it may be safely assumed that the future continuance of the success that has hitherto rewarded the proprietors will not only be assured but confirmed by a substantial increase in their annual turnover.





# THE GRAND TOUR.





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THE traveller bound for Killarney has the choice of three different routes. He may go direct by rail by way of Mallow. But if his object be to gaze on the grandest bits of God's earth in the South of Ireland, he will travel either by Macroom and Gougane Barra, or by Bantry, the two lines of highway uniting and passing through Glengariff and Kenmare. The latter is popularly known as the Prince of Wales' route, and passes through a picturesque country, giving a brief glimpse of Bandon, described by Spenser in his *Faerie Queene* as "pleasant Bandon crowned with many a wood," near which is the

the sea where the world's navies could anchor—Bantry Bay. Green islands, such as Whiddy and Garinish, relieve its sweep of waters. Overlooking the whole, tower the solitary mountains, the Sugar Loaf rearing its striking peak in the distance. Bantry Bay was twice entered by the hostile French fleet—once during the invasion of Ireland in 1689, and again a hundred years ago by 15,000 men, who, happily, were dispersed by a sudden and violent storm.

At this point the other route to Kilkenny joins,



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## SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN, GLENGARIFF.

Earl of Bandon's stately mansion of Castle Bernard. Here, too, is laid the scene of the Desmond rebellion long, long ago; here the English and Scotch colonists were settled in large numbers; here, at one time, thousands of hands were employed in the manufacture of linens and woollens; and here the historic MacCarthys had their home for long generations. Bantry and the mountain region beyond is the land of the O'Sullivans, a region at once lovely and wild. The drive from this point onwards reveals that mighty arm of

crossing from Macroom by one of the wildest mountain passes in the country. Never will the writer forget his drive along this lonely highway. Still he sees, as something quite unique, Gougane Barra, that deserted lake embosomed among mountains that spring up perpendicularly all around. Was ever such a picture of solitude and grandeur? Yet, on the tiny islet, connected with the shore by a paved way, lived St. Fin Barre, the patron saint of Cork; and here, still, we see in the heaps of fallen walls traces of the ancient cells of the monks.

An Irish poet has been touched by the strange influences of the scene :

"There is a green island in lone Gougane Barra,  
Where Allua of song rushes forth like an arrow,  
In deep vallied Desmond,—a thousand wild fountains  
Come down to that lake from their home in the mountains."

Next we thread our way through the terrible Pass of Deer, at points holding ragged rocks and riven stones poised above us, and yet exhibiting far up the cliffs dwarf shrubs and plants, the arbutus and the ash, ferns, and wild flowers—fit haunts for the exiled O'Sullivan and others when outlawed and hiding from their Government pursuers.

Soon after these routes unite we reach far-famed Glengariff, nestling in its woodland close to the waters of an arm of Bantry Bay. We have never been able to determine which seemed the more fascinating, Glengariff or Killarney. What a background of rugged mountains! What luxu-

riant foliage rejoicing in the nourishing warmth of the secluded Bay! What sweet dells and retreats! What charming glimpses of water, islet, creek, of Whiddy, and of Garinish with its fort and martello tower No wind but the west, warmed by the Gulf

Stream, reaches it, and many a consumptive and throat complaint has been relieved here, where delicate semi-tropical plants take root and flourish. The hotels of the place are able to supply every want and comfort. Within easy reach is Cromwell's Bridge, a weird-looking, rickety but picturesque structure. Further ahead the adventurous visitor reaches Bere Haven and Bere Island, where Government has

strong fortifications and sheltered harbourage

From Glengariff to Killarney is a drive of matchless grandeur. As the road climbs the mountain side, Bantry Bay, its islands, inlets, and encircling walls of peaks and ridges display them-



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#### CROMWELL'S BRIDGE, GLENGARIFF.



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#### ROYAL HOTEL GROUNDS, GLENGARIFF.



selves in splendid variety and magnificence. At a point nearly 1,400 feet above sea-level, a tunnel of 600

rise the MacGillicuddy Reeks, with the Gap of Dunloe and the Purple Mountains.

As we descend we skirt the Torc Waterfall, the Middle Lake, and the Muckcross Demesne, and are forthwith at Killarney.

Killarney is rather a district than a town, for the centre of attraction is decidedly not to be found in the few streets ycelpt a village. The spell of the region lies in the three lakes and mountains around. Many elements go to form the beauty of the scene — sharp, jagged mountain ridges, their base covered down to the water's edge with luxuriant vegetation, the tufted islands that stud the lakes, the waterfalls, and rapids



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#### UPPER LAKE, KILLARNEY.

feet in length penetrates Turner's Rock, and transfers us out of county Cork into Kerry. Before us lies Kenmare, on another arm of the sea, with a fine suspension bridge 410 feet in length thrown across it, beyond which we soon rise up the mountains once more, till, when about 1,000 feet high, we attain Windy Pass, and at a sudden turn of this lofty highway, the world-famous vision bursts upon our view. Yonder, far a-head, stretches the Upper Lake of Killarney, at the base of the Torc and Mangerton mountains, while west wards



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#### GAP OF DUNLOE.

and creeks that surprise and delight eye and ear. Were there ever such deep tones of green and such rich masses of foliage? Here, too, are rare plants and trees. Here the arbutus, the 'strawberry tree' or 'myrtle of Killarney,' abounds, and in October its red berries add to its attraction. Here, too, flourish the yew, the flowering fern, and other coveted ferns besides. The charm of Killarney lies in no single feature, but in its endless variety, its combination of the stern and the luxuriant, of placid water with rugged mountain and rich vegetation, and in the ceaseless transformations which the visitor discovers as he goes on his rounds.

The circular excursion to the Gap of Dunloe carries us through some of the most striking scenes in Killarney.



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OLD WEIR BRIDGE, KILLARNEY.



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O'SULLIVAN'S CASCADE, KILLARNEY.

We go on our outward journey by road and return down the Lakes—a long day's tour. Our car soon takes us to Aghadoe and its impressive ruins' round tower, round castle, and cathedral church. Then comes Dunloe Castle, commanding a secure situation much valued during the struggles of the Desmonds, and a fine view of the Lakes and landscape. Before entering the Gap may be seen, not far from the road, the curious Cave of Dunloe, unearthed accidentally by some workmen in 1838. A writer in one of Francis Guy's books describes it: "This



is one of the most interesting discoveries of the kind in Irish antiquities ever made. The walls are constructed in the ancient manner of uncemented stones inclining outwards, and the roof formed of long traverse stones, of which four are inscribed with Ogham characters, the age and reading of which has long been a disputed point amongst Irish scholars. An upright stone pillar, similarly marked, stands in the centre of the chamber, and aids in supporting the roof. Besides this, three other stones similarly situated present indications of letters. In the passage were found human skulls and bones, and the cave appears to have been a family

between the MacGillicuddy Reeks and the Toomies, with the Loe traversing the Gap and sharp rocks overhanging the "Pike." In the course of the pass we skirt the Black Lough, dear to all pious hearts as the Lough into whose depths St. Patrick flung the last of the Irish snakes! At one point an echo, at another a magnificent view far behind us, enhance the interest of the place. Then, emerging from the contracted defile, we come within sight of the Upper Lake, spreading itself far below, and of the Black Valley in its solitary and awe-inspiring ruggedness. Then passing the Logan stone, which, though of many tons weight, a small hand can



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#### ROSS CASTLE.

sepulchre. Of the remote antiquity of these inscriptions in the Ogham characters on the stones forming the material of which these caves are built there can be no doubt, as testified by the Pelasgic features of their walls and general character of the chambers. Some antiquaries seek to establish a connection between the Ogham of Ireland and the cuneiform character of Babylonia and Persia. As far as discovery has yet gone, the objects of these ancient writings seem to have been principally of a funeral character."

The Gap of Dunloe is a rugged mountain pass

rock, we descend to Lord Brandon's Cottage, and take the boat that carries us down the Upper Lake, among its wooded islands, and within sight of the Eagle's Nest, draped with a mass of deep green; the Torc and the Purple Mountains, with the mighty, jagged Reeks towering over all. Down the 'Long Range,' a narrow channel of two miles length uniting the two lakes, we float, safely steered by accustomed hands among the strangely formed and strangely named islets that contract the channel. The water rushes in 'rapids' under the Old Weir Bridge and supplies some pleasant excitement as the boatman 'shoots' them with easy

skill. Now we are in the heart of the loveliest bit of Killarney—the Meeting of the Waters and Dinis Island. Then out into the large Lower Lake, covering some thirteen square miles. First we touch the Island of Innisfallen, with glades, and thickets, and the ruins of an ancient abbey—a spot whose praises are sung the world over. At Ross we land and stay to examine the striking ruins of Ross Castle. Or perhaps we pay a visit to O'Sullivan's Cascade, and so to our abode for the night. Another excursion takes us to

Muckross Abbey, with its lovely ruins, fairly complete, of nave, choir or transept, chapel, cloisters, and belfry. The cloisters have suffered least from the ravages of time and weather, showing their fine arcading and marble pillars, the whole beautified by the old yew tree in the centre of the square. Still another outing may be had in visiting Earl Kenmare's demesne and the Torc Waterfall; while, for those who love to climb, the Torc Mountains, and, higher still, Mangerton offer the reward of splendid prospects from the summit.



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